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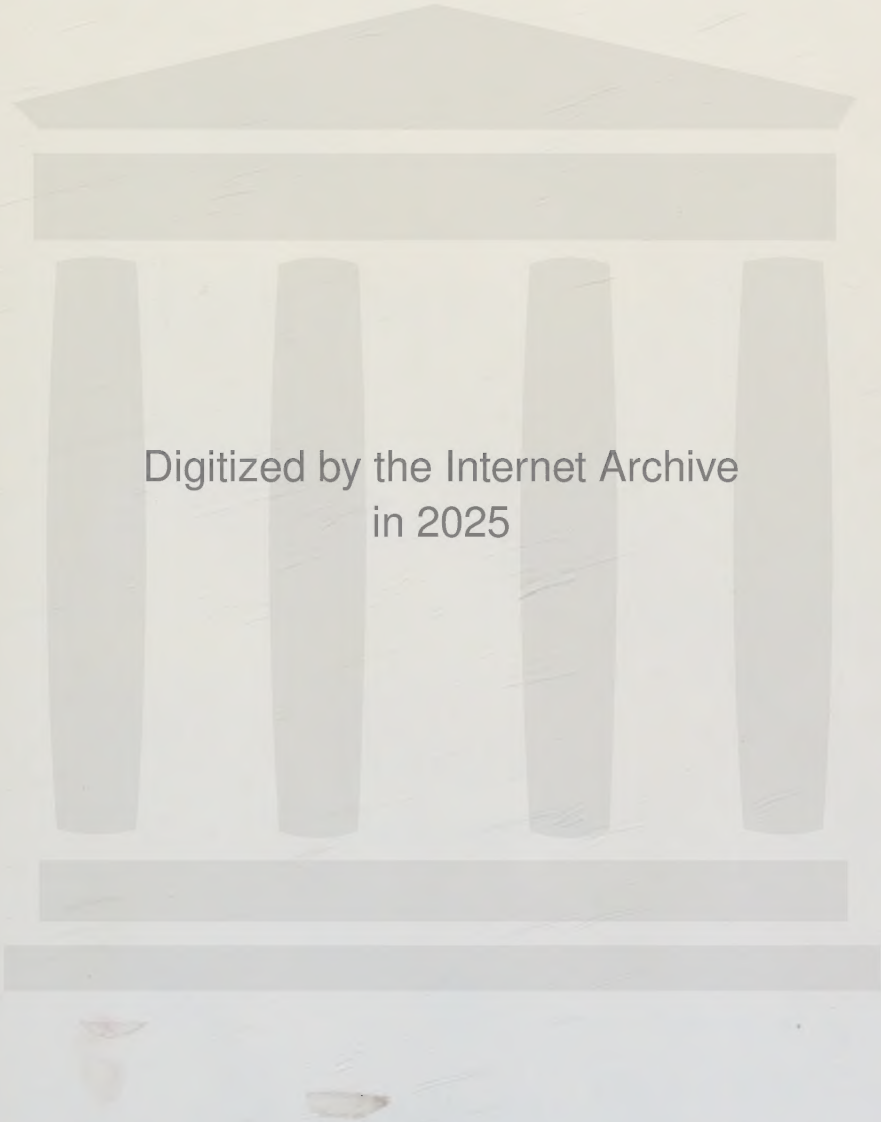

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LORAIN COUNTY.

Yours very truly,

D. W. Gates

LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO.

COLONEL NAHUM BALL GATES, who for more than fifty years was closely identified with the prosperity of Elyria, was born in St. Albans, Vt., September 28, 1812. He was the youngest of twelve children of John and Abigail (Ball) Gates, who in 1800 migrated from Northborough, Mass., to St. Albans township, Franklin Co., Vt., where they followed farming.

Col. N. B. Gates received his education in the district schools of his native town, also one year at St. Albans Academy, which well prepared him for teaching, a vocation he followed for three winters, laboring on his father's farm during the intervals. In the spring of 1834, being violently attacked with what was called "Western Fever," he threw down his axe and declared he would never chop another stick of wood in Vermont; so with the scanty means his parents could afford, at the age of twenty-one he came to Elyria, where his brother, Horatio N. Gates, was engaged in mercantile business. In September, same year, he engaged as clerk in his brother's store, where he remained till May, 1835, at which time he went to Cleveland, Ohio. While there the cholera epidemic broke out, but it in no way drove him away from the place, as it did thousands of others, for he remained at his post and manfully devoted his time for weeks in attending to the sick and dying, and also to the burying of the dead. These acts of humanity were characteristic of him all through his life. He had no fear, and upon other occasions, when smallpox and other scourges afflicted the community, he performed similar offices, and escaped all contagion. In Cleveland he remained engaged in a variety of pursuits until September, 1834, when he returned to Elyria, and during the remainder of that year and part of 1835 clerked for the firm of Gates & Green. On May 17, 1835, our subject went to Black River (now Lorain), in Lorain county, and opened a general store for Gates & Green, remaining in charge of same until the fall of 1838, when he was elected sheriff of the county, and removed into the town of Elyria. From 1836 to 1844 a copartnership had existed between himself and his brother, H. N. Gates, in the forwarding and commission business at Black River. While a resident of that place he filled the various offices of constable, justice of the peace and marshal. He was elected sheriff in 1838 because of his thorough fitness for the position; there

was much public excitement in that year —banks suspending specie payment, and counterfeiters springing up in every section—and it was undoubtedly due to Sheriff Gates' indomitable courage and determination that Lorain county was rid of all kinds of nefarious characters.

In 1840 Col. Gates was an ardent Whig, and took an active part in the memorable campaign of that year. Mounted on his famous black horse "Bucephalus," he led the delegation in the procession from Lorain county to the imposing grand convention held upon the banks of the Maumee river on June 11, that year. In Elyria he built a sawmill, sash, door and blind factory, and in 1843 he put up an ashery, which he operated for many years. In 1843 he was elected mayor of Elyria for the first time, and served many succeeding terms, though not consecutively. In 1844 he embarked in general mercantile business in Elyria, but at the end of a year he sold out. In 1850 he was a director of the Lorain Plank Road Company, and for many years was its superintendent. In 1852 he was elected president of Lorain County Agricultural Society, and gave it its first permanent footing. In 1862 he was active in the Republican party, and a member of the "Wide-awake Club." Same year he was appointed by Abraham Lincoln collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourteenth District of Ohio, in which office he remained till removed by President Johnson.

Indeed it may be truly said of Col. Gates that his life in Elyria has been one of constant action. His code of morals may be inferred from the following scriptural quotation found among his papers—yellow with age—and which he exemplified in all his intercourse with his fellows: "Pure and undefiled religion before God, the Father, is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Col. Gates died December 9, 1890; all his family were present at the funeral services except his daughter Helen, then absent in New York, whose health prevented her from attending. The services at his late residence were conducted by his pastor, Rev. E. E. Williams, and were brief and impressive. The ceremonies at the grave were performed by Elyria Lodge No. 103, I. O. O. F., which Col. Gates was mainly instrumental in the formation of, and at the time of his death was the only living active charter member. His son-in-law, Rev. T. Y. Gardner, read a few extracts from a paper written and sealed by deceased on his birthday, two years before, in which he briefly reviewed the past, and gave some of the leading principles which had been the guide of his actions. To give a more detailed history of our subject's useful and busy life comes not within the province of this article; suffice it, that he was possessed of those sterling, solid qualities which were calculated to give him prominence in his newly-chosen field, and make him what he proved to be, one of Lorain county's leading and honored citizens. In his administration of his public duties he was brought in contact with all classes, and in his discharge of those duties, while his aim was always to maintain a high standard of morality, his kind heart never failed to respond when there was opportunity for leniency or mercy. He will long be remembered by the poor for his many acts of charity and benevolence. Being a positive and aggressive man, his position on all public questions was never a doubtful one, and he was always found true to his convictions, whether religious, political or otherwise. In the home circle he was a great favorite. His geniality and his rare social qualities made him ever companionable. Although for months clinging to life by a slender thread, baffling disease with all the force of his great will-power, like a true philosopher he was uncomplaining, always hopeful, always better, always heroic, as he passed down the line to the gateway of the great Unknown. To the hearts of his

family who ministered to his wants he brought only sunshine; and when the end came it was as calm and peaceful as the close of a midsummer day.

On May 12, 1841, Col. Gates was united in marriage with Miss Sarah S. Monteith, a daughter of Rev. John Monteith, formerly professor of ancient languages in Hamilton College. She survived her husband but a little over two years, dying in New York City from the result of an accident, April 18, 1893. There were born from this marriage, John Quincy, who died early; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. A. W. Wheeler, of Cleveland; Charlotte, wife of Rev. T. Y. Gardner; Mary Ely, who died in childhood; Charles Alexander, of Massillon; Helen Gates, of Elyria; William N., of Cleveland, and Frederick H., of Cleveland. Mrs. Gates was a highly educated lady, possessed of marked characteristics, a leader in all kinds of reform, Church and missionary work, strikingly non-partisan, prominent in W. C. T. U. work, and withal an uncompromising advocate of temperance. Mr. and Mrs. Gates lived to enjoy nearly fifty years of marital felicity, for Mr. Gates' death occurred but five months prior to their fiftieth anniversary of wedded life. They lived also to see four of their children married, and born of them twelve grandchildren. This large family periodically held their family reunions, and the old homestead at such times was the scene of rare festivities.

Rev. John Monteith was born August 5, 1788, at Gettysburg, Penn. His father, whose parents were natives of Dundee, Scotland, was an early settler in the wilds of western Pennsylvania, where the son was reared in a life of industry and plain farmer's toil. His mother was also a native of Dundee, Scotland, and from this parentage he inherited that hardy physical constitution, and those sturdy mental and spiritual traits that conspired to fit him for the heroic work that fell to his hands as a pioneer, and a lifelong educator and reformer. He graduated at Jefferson College, Penn., in 1813, and at Princeton Theological School in 1816. About this time an invitation was extended to him "to introduce the Gospel into the Territory of Michigan," to accept which offer he declined an appointment as professor in a Pennsylvania college. On Sunday afternoon, June 13, 1816, he preached the first English sermon that had ever been pronounced in Michigan, from the text Luke ii, 10. In May, 1817, Mr. Monteith was ordained in the Presbyterian Church at Princeton, N. J., Dr. Alexander delivering to him the charge. Returning to Detroit he entered upon the work with characteristic zeal, industry and personal sacrifice. He organized the Presbyterian Church at Monroe, and preached the first Protestant sermon in that place. The "University of Michigan," in point of fact simply a school, established in 1817, in a great measure owed its birth to Mr. Monteith, who had the office of president and no less than six professorships conferred upon him.

On June 7, 1820, he was married to Sarah Sophia Granger, of Portage, Ohio, who died in the autumn of the same year, while visiting her parents in Ohio. In 1821 he married, at Nahor, in the then wilds of northern Ohio, Miss Abigail Harris, and here his career in Detroit came to an end. From that point he removed to New York State, to occupy the Chair of ancient languages in Hamilton College, in which position he remained eight years. Then for several years he followed academic labors at Cambridge, N. Y., and at Germantown, Penn., after which, in 1832, he came to Elyria, Ohio. "Here was the evident goal of his providential destiny. He bettered the town and the community by his educational labors and lectures. He bettered the Western Reserve by joining his hand with others in the establishment of churches, and Presbyteries, and colleges." He girded on the armor of a zealous and uncompromising anti-slavery champion, and

fearlessly and conscientiously fought its battles. "When the clash of arms came, he felt that the beginning of the end was at hand; and when the red cloud of war passed beyond the horizon, he felt that the ultimate vision of his life was realized. * * * His joy was calm, dignified and silent."

In 1845 Mr. Monteith again resided in Michigan, ministering to the spiritual wants of the good people of Blissfield and Monroe until 1855, in which year he returned to Elyria, where he passed the remainder of his busy, useful life, dying April 5, 1868, in the eighty-first year of his age.

Rev. John Monteith was a fine specimen of manly physique; he was six feet tall, straight and muscular, his power of endurance being transmitted from the Scottish race from which he sprang. As a scholar he was accurate and learned, and though the scope of his culture was not wide, yet in the ancient languages and in French his proficiency was something remarkable for his day. Duty was the mainspring of all his actions, and fearlessly he performed it, as witness his heroic efforts to introduce the Gospel into undeveloped territories, making long, weary and ofttimes hazardous journeys in the prosecution of benevolent work.

HON. JOEL TIFFANY. To Hon. George G. Washburn, of Elyria, the publishers are indebted for the following biographical record of this deceased gentleman, who "was a most original genius, and one of the inventive creators of his age."

Mr. Tiffany was a native of Barkhamstead, Conn., born September 6, 1811, and where his ancestors lived in the days of the Revolution. They being Presbyterians, he was placed in college in 1827 to prepare him for the ministry, but, preferring the study of law, he in 1831 entered the office of William G. Williams, of New Hartford, Conn., as a law student. In the following year he went to Ohio on a visit to a brother and other relatives, and was induced to make Ohio his home, which he did, first locating in the town of Medina. Here he resumed the study of law under the preceptorship of Charles Olcott, and in the summer of 1834 was admitted to the bar and commenced practice. In the spring of 1835 he came to Elyria, Lorain county, and entered into the practice of law with Horace D. Clark, and together they worked harmoniously—Mr. Clark preparing the cases, and Mr. Tiffany trying them in court. In 1848 he removed from Elyria to Little Mountain, Ohio, where he remained a short time, and thence to New York City. From 1850 he gave up all other business, and devoted his time to writing and speaking upon the subject of spiritualism until 1860, when he went to Albany, N. Y., engaging there in legal writings, etc., and in doing what he could in suppressing the Civil War. He served as reporter for the court of appeals for several years with marked distinction. At the end of ten years he went to Chicago, Ill., and was actively engaged in different lines of business up to the time of his death, which occurred at Hinsdale, Ill., July 1, 1893, he being then eighty-two years old.

Mr. Tiffany was not only a lawyer but also an inventor, and he is, probably, most widely known for his invention of the Tiffany Summer and Winter Refrigerator car; he also made, through his inventive genius, valuable improvements and inventions in machinery.

Mr. Tiffany resided in Elyria thirteen years, during the prime of his manhood, and was engaged in the practice of law the greater part of the time. He served as prosecuting attorney during the years 1837–38–39, and in 1841 and 1845 each for one year. As a lawyer, and especially as an eloquent advocate, he had no superior at the bar, which was composed of strong

men; and had he devoted his great natural abilities to the practice of his profession he would have attained the highest distinction at the bar and on the bench. In the trial of causes he was aided not only by a remarkable memory, but by an intuitive perception of the points his adversary would make, and thus was ever ready to meet them. The trials which gave him most distinction were the noted "counterfeiting cases," in which one Cash, whose testimony was important to the prosecution, was shot by the counterfeiters because he turned "States evidence," and was brought from his home on a litter to give his testimony. In these cases, which were tried in 1838–39, Mr. Tiffany acted both as detective and prosecutor with consummate ability, regardless of the threats against his life that came from unknown sources. He persisted in his prosecutions, and succeeded in breaking up an extensive gang of counterfeiters who had hitherto successfully plied their vocation in this county without detection, and landed fourteen of them in the penitentiary. He was a scholar of almost unlimited resources, yet he derived little pecuniary aid therefrom. His inventive genius was remarkable, but it took the direction of natural science and philosophy rather than practical mechanics, and this, near the close of his life, gave him a competence.

HON. GEORGE G. WASHBURN is a native of Orange, Grafton Co., N. H., born November 24, 1821. His father, Azel Washburn, descended from the Maine branch of the Washburn family, and his mother, Elizabeth Danforth, was of Scotch-Irish descent, her ancestors being among the early settlers in Londonderry, New Hampshire.

The subject of this sketch spent his early days among the rugged New Hampshire hills, with his parents for his only teacher, until he was eleven years old, when the family removed to Ohio, and settled in Perry township (then in Geauga county) where for three years he had the benefit of good schools. In 1835 they removed to Camden, Lorain county, then an unbroken wilderness, where he spent most of the days of his minority in the laborious work of clearing up a new farm.

By the aid of his father, and by the light of the log-cabin fireplace, he acquired sufficient education to teach school in the winter, while his summers were spent in farm labor. At the age of twenty-one years he abandoned the farm, and spent one year in teaching a private school in Brandenburg, Ky. On his return he spent four years in study at Oberlin College, paying his way by labor on the college farm, and by teaching during the winter months. From Oberlin he removed to Elyria, nine miles distant, where he read law in the office of Hon. Philemon Bliss. He was admitted to practice in 1848, and for two years was associated with Hon. Sylvester Bagg, who subsequently removed to Iowa.

Mr. Washburn became an early writer for the press, and on the removal of Judge Bagg to Iowa he assumed charge of the Elyria *Courier*, the organ of the then Whig party, which soon became recognized as an influential factor in moulding public sentiment. He soon abandoned all other pursuits, and for forty-two years conducted that journal and its successors—the *Independent Democrat* and the Elyria *Republican*—as the sole proprietor, editor and manager. For many years he declined all political preferment, but served during this period as member of the board of school examiners for the county, member of the Elyria council, and for six years as president of the board of education. He was appointed by Gov. Dennison, and served during the war as secretary of the military committee for Lorain county, the duties of which often

led him to visit the battle-fields of the Rebellion, and aid in caring for the wounded soldiers. He has been connected with the Lorain Bank in Elyria, and its successor, the National Bank of Elyria, as one of its board of directors for thirty-four years.

In 1883 he consented to become a member of the Ohio General Assembly, as the representative for Lorain county, and served four years with credit to himself and his intelligent constituency. He then declined further political service, and resumed his journalistic duties, but was soon afterward commissioned by the Governor as one of the board of managers of the Ohio State Reformatory, which he had been active in establishing while in the General Assembly, and which position he now holds. In September, 1891, he sold the entire plant of the Elyria *Republican*, which he had conducted with marked success for so many years, and is now devoting his time chiefly to the reformatory movements of the day. His long connection with the State and National Press Associations, and services as a legislator, have given him an extensive acquaintance with men prominent in politics and journalism in both the State and Nation.

ELY FAMILY. Among the first land proprietors of what is now Lorain county, Ohio, was Justin Ely, of West Springfield, Mass., a very extensive dealer in real estate, and one of the original proprietors of what was then known as "The Connecticut Western Reserve," in Ohio, under the Connecticut Land Company.

Hon. Heman Ely, fourth in the family of Justin Ely, and who succeeded to his father's estate in what is now Lorain county, was also a native of West Springfield, Mass., born April 24, 1775. He was a linguist of ability, and a traveler of no small experience, having visited, prior to 1810, many of the leading places of interest in Europe. In that year he returned to America, and in 1811 came west as far as Cleveland, Ohio, with the view of opening up for settlement the land owned by his father, then known as "No. 6, Range 17, Connecticut Western Reserve." The impending war between the United States and Great Britain, however, made it an inauspicious time for colonization, and Mr. Ely returned to his New England home.

In 1816, peace being now concluded between the two countries, he again ventured west, and immediately commenced operations for the development of his forest-covered land, contracting for the building of the first house that marked the spot whereon now stands the prosperous city of Elyria, together with a gristmill and sawmill. Having accomplished so much, he returned to West Springfield, and in February, 1817, finally left for his new western home, where the remainder of his life was passed in the development of its resources, and the converting of the wild forest into prosperous farms, villages and towns. He erected several houses, including the one in which his son, Heman, now lives, in Elyria. The town was laid out by him in its present form, and bears his name, as also the township. On the formation of the county in 1824, he named it Lorain, from Loraine, in France, in which province he spent some time while in Europe, and with which beautiful spot he was much delighted. He was also the founder of the educational, religious and other public institutions of Elyria, giving liberally of his means, and his name is still revered by the many descendants of the early settlers of Elyria. He passed from earth February 2, 1852.

HEMAN ELY, JR., was born October 30, 1820, in Elyria, Ohio, and received his education at the "Elyria High School," and at Farmington, Conn. In his father's office he acquired a thorough training and insight into the real-estate business, which

Very truly yours
Truman Ely

he followed for many years with much success. Like his father, but further in the advancement of the county, Mr. Ely has identified himself with many of the leading institutions of Elyria, prominent among which may be mentioned the Lorain Bank (established in 1847); the First National Bank (organized in 1864 from the Lorain Bank), and the National Bank of Elyria (organized in 1883 from the First National Bank), in which several institutions he has been director, vice-president and president, in which latter capacity he is at present serving in the last named organization. In 1852, in connection with others, he secured the building of that section of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, then known as the "Junction Road," from Cleveland to Toledo. From 1870 to 1873 he served in the State Legislature, and assisted in molding the present insurance laws of the State of Ohio.

On September 1, 1841, Heman Ely and Miss Mary Harris Monteith, daughter of Rev. John and Abigail Harris Monteith, were united in marriage, and children as follows were born to them: Celia Belden, George H. and Mary Monteith. The mother of these children died in Elyria March 1, 1849, and May 27, 1850, Mr. Ely married, for his second wife, Miss Mary F. Day, daughter of Hon. Thomas and Sarah (Coit) Day, of Hartford, Conn. Four children were born to this marriage, namely: Edith Day, Charles Theodore, Albert Heman and Harriette Putnam. Mr. Ely is prominent in social life, as follows: Has been an active member of the F. & A. Masons since 1852; from 1858 to 1871 he was worshipful master of King Solomon Lodge No. 56 of Elyria; received the orders of Knighthood in Oriental Commandery of Knights Templars No. 12 in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1857, of which he was Eminent Commander from December, 1861, to December, 1865, and from 1864 to 1871 he was grand commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of Ohio. He is an active member of the supreme council of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic jurisdiction of the United States of America, and was treasurer of same from May, 1867, to September, 1891. In matters of religion he has been a member of the Congregational Church of Elyria since 1838, and for many years has been one of its officers, about ten years as superintendent of the Sabbath-school. He is a Republican in politics, and a gentleman much respected in the community for his moral worth and his many unassuming charitable deeds.

JOHN W. HULBERT, cashier of the National Bank of Elyria, was born in Old Chatham, Columbia Co., N. Y., April 1, 1827.

His ancestor on the father's side settled in Connecticut in 1630. His great-grandfather and grandfather both served in the Revolution, the former in the capacity of surgeon. Grandfather Hulbert was born in Connecticut, removed to western Massachusetts, and thence to Canaan, N. Y., where his son, Philip, father of John W., was born. He, Philip, was born April 16, 1799, and died March 27, 1881. He settled in Old Chatham, and followed the trade of carpenter and joiner until 1837, when he bought an iron foundry, which with a plow-factory he carried on till his death. On September 1, 1824, he married Abigail Smith, born August 26, 1797, died May 8, 1840, and eight children were born to them, to wit: Harriet Elizabeth, John W., Geo. B., Chas. W., Seymour C., Mary I., Henry B., and Samuel C.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the common schools of Chatham, and at the age of fifteen went to New York City, as clerk in a dry-goods house. He came to Elyria in September, 1847, under engagement in the large general store of Kendall & Mussey, with whom he remained till 1853, when he was appointed

teller of the Lorain Branch of the State Bank of Ohio. In January, 1856, he was elected cashier, in which capacity he has remained through its re-organizations in 1864 and 1883, being upwards of forty years of continuous service.

Mr. Hulbert was united in marriage, January 1, 1857, with Miss Ellen N. Wood (daughter of Taber Wood and Almira his wife), who was born in Chesterfield, Mass., May 4, 1832, and died December 6, 1889, leaving two daughters. In politics Mr. Hulbert was a Democrat until 1853, when he became a Free-Soiler (afterward a Republican). He was made a Mason in King Solomon Lodge No. 56, F. & A. M., in March, 1851, a R. A. M. in October, 1851; and a Knight Templar in Oriental Commandery No. 12, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1855, to which organizations he still belongs. He was Master of his Lodge from 1853 to 1859; M. E. H. P. of the Chapter from 1853 to 1883. Mr. Hulbert is a member and trustee of the First Congregational Church, where for sixteen years he led the church choir.

E. R. HOLIDAY, M. D., Wellington, was born March 27, 1843, a son of Lorton and Huldah Matilda (Gates) Holiday.

Amos Holiday, the great-grandfather of our subject, is believed to have been born in Vermont. At the beginning of the Revolution, however, he was living in Granby, Hartford Co., Conn., and with his three brothers served during that war in the Colonial army, enlisting and going out in a company raised in what was known as "Salmon Brook Street" in or near Granby. One of the brothers was taken prisoner, and was either killed or perished in prison, as he was never heard of after by his friends. After the war Amos again returned and lived at Granby until 1800. In that year, in January, his son Jonathan, who was born in Granby in 1776, married Bethesda Holcomb, also a resident of Granby, born there June 22, 1879. In the spring of that year these three and a brother of Amos, named Azariah, emigrated to Pompey, Onondaga Co., N. Y., where were born to Jonathan and Bethesda Holiday the following children: Hiram, Lorton, Rowena, Milton, Eno and Arley—four sons and two daughters. During the stay in Pompey, Jonathan Holiday was twice called out in defense of the State and country in the war of 1812, and served at Sacket's Harbor, Sodus Point and other places along the border. After the children had become somewhat grown, they removed to near Bath, in Steuben county, where they lived until 1828, when the grandfather of E. R. and four of his children—Lorton, Eno, Rowena and Arley—removed to Huron county, Ohio, the rest of the family remaining about Bath and Hornellsville, where their descendants now live. Amos Holiday was a pensioner of the Revolution, and lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and nine years and eleven months, dying in Steuben. Jonathan Holiday died in Hartland, Huron county, in 1845; his wife, Bethesda, died in the same place February 22, 1859.

Lorton Holiday, the father of our subject, was born in Pompey August 27, 1804. Here and in Steuben he acquired a fair education in the branches taught in those times and places, and on arriving in Ohio taught school for a time. Marrying in 1830, he soon after began hotel keeping in New London, in what was known as the "Asher House." Here E. R. was born. The other children of this marriage were as follows: (1) Huldah M., born December 4, 1831, is now the wife of Hosea M. Hood, and resides in Hartland, Huron Co., Ohio.

(2) Henry M., born March 3, 1833, who ran away at the age of sixteen, went to sea, and was a sailor for two or three years, but finally, through the influence of his captain, returned to shore life and books;

graduated from Thetford Academy, Vermont, then wedding Miss Louise Jane Coombs, of that place, they went South and taught schools in Georgia and Alabama until the trouble about slavery and secession grew so fierce they were requested to leave, which they did in 1859; coming north he studied theology at Walnut Hills, near Cincinnati, Ohio, then at Andover, Mass., from which place he went to St. Johnsbury Center, Vt., where he was installed pastor of the Congregational Church of that place. From here he went to Tolland, Conn., as pastor of a church there; thence he went to Alma, Mich., finally to Olivet, Eaton county, where he died July 31, 1888, of typhoid fever; his wife died about a month later of same disease, leaving three children: Nina, Winifred and Charles.

(3) Charles B., born November 11, 1834, was an attorney of St. John's, Mich.; enlisted in the Eighth Michigan Infantry as lieutenant, and died off Port Royal, October 5, 1861, of typhoid, on board ship, and was buried at sea.

(4) Lenora J., born July 8, 1838; married Alonzo Hood, and lives at Alma, Mich. They have one daughter living—M. Louise Hood.

(5) George G., born March 31, 1840, was a soldier in the late war, serving three years; he married Miss Chloe Garget, and they have two daughters; he is a farmer.

H. M. (Gates) Holiday, mother of E. R., was born December 8, 1812; died April 18, 1843; she was a daughter of Gross Gates (born February 4, 1789, died February 8, 1841) and Abigail (Ames) Gates (born September 22, 1794, died June 13, 1836); they died and were buried in Ruggles, Ashland Co., Ohio. Gross Gates served in the "war of 1812."

Lorton Holiday, after the death of his wife, continued in the hotel business for a few years, when, his children having found homes (?) with friends and relatives, he went into the new State of Michigan, working at gunsmithing and trading with the Indians, among whom he was often styled—on account of his black eyes, swart complexion and heavy black beard—"Black Hawk." He was a man of splendid physical proportions, six feet two inches in his stocking feet, and as lithe as a panther. He was on friendly terms always with the Indians, and after settling down at Alma, they always camped upon his land if their rovings brought them in the neighborhood, knowing they were welcome. He lived at Alma, Gratiot Co., Mich., before the township was organized as a township, keeping a sort of "pioneer hotel." He was postmaster in that place under Buchanan. He died of pneumonia April 25, 1870.

Edwin R., the subject proper of this sketch, on the death of the mother was taken and cared for by Helen M., a sister of the dead mother, and wife of Eno Holiday, a brother of the father. Here he lived on a farm until the breaking out of the war, when, on the 5th of September, 1861, he enlisted in the Third Regiment Ohio Vol. Cavalry, and served with that organization throughout the war, being discharged from the service August 14, 1865; veteranizing in January, 1864, was discharged as sergeant; was at Savannah during the battle of Pittsburg Landing, as cavalry was useless, and there was enough to do the work anyhow; was in the Stone River engagement at Chattanooga; at Kenesaw; Atlanta; on the Wilson raid from Eastport, Tenn., to Macon, Ga., where they first learned of the surrender of Lee and the death of Lincoln; and last (but not least to him) had charge of twenty-five men from his company, which, with the regiment or a part of it, went in pursuit of Jefferson Davis, but was too far in advance, however (eight miles), of that anomaly to be in at the capture, but saw him in the ambulance on the return trip.

After the war our subject returned home on a Saturday, and the following Monday morning started for school at Milan, Erie Co., Ohio, where he took one term; taught

school the winter following, and in the spring went to reside with his brother Henry in Vermont, where he took private instructions until the following winter, when he began the term of lectures at his *Alma Mater*, the medical department of Western Reserve College, from which institution he graduated in February, 1871. For a time he practiced in the western part of the State, and in Michigan.

On January 5, 1878, the Doctor married Miss Ella B. Peet, of Brighton, Lorain Co., Ohio, who was born in that place December 1, 1856. He located in Clarksfield, Huron county, where he practiced for eight years, and twice was elected coroner of the county. In this place were born to Dr. and Mrs. Holiday three children: Lorton E., born November 24, 1878; Malcolm P., born February 26, 1882, and Bertha Gates, born December 12, 1884. In April, 1887, the Doctor removed to Wellington, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he has since practiced his profession.

HON. JUDGE LAERTES B. SMITH, a prominent, well-known jurist of Lorain county, attorney at law and justice of the peace, with residence in Elyria, was born in Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio, September 21, 1830. He comes of an old New England family of Puritan descent.

His paternal grandfather, Chiliab Smith, was born in Connecticut November 11, 1765, and died in 1840. Prior to coming to Ohio he lived many years in Berkshire county, Mass., and was there married to Nancy Marshall, who was born January 19, 1765, and died December 5, 1824. In 1814 they immigrated to Lorain county, the trip being made with ox wagons; and it took them five days to cut a road from the present site of Elyria through the woods to what afterward became Amherst township (for it was not organized till April, 1817), where they arrived October 16, 1814. Here they settled upon land for which grandfather Smith had traded property in the East to the Connecticut Land Company. He was by trade a tailor, at which he worked in his new home during intervals in his farm work, as opportunity offered. As an exhorter in the M. E. Church, he held frequent meetings in the neighborhood of his home and in his own house. When old age came upon him he turned his farm over to his children, who also inherited the good name of one of the best known and earliest of the pioneers. He had settled on Little Beaver creek, four miles west of where is now Elyria, and opened the first tavern in that vicinity.

David Smith, father of subject, was born in Berkshire county, Mass., March 20, 1797, and came to Lorain county along with his father. In 1824 he married a Miss Fannie Barnes, also a native of Berkshire county, born December 23, 1802, and nine children were born of this union, six of whom grew to maturity, Laertes B. being the third in the order of birth. The father died April 30, 1861, the mother August 6, 1888. In religion she was a Presbyterian, attending the Church of that denomination in Elyria till 1840. In politics David Smith was a Democrat, and he was a quiet, unostentatious man.

Laertes B. Smith, the subject proper of this memoir, received his education at the public schools of his native township. At the age of twenty-one years he left his father's farm to learn the trade of harness maker, at which he worked till he was about twenty-five years old. He then entered a hardware store at La Porte, Ind., where he remained some five years, or until 1858, in which year he returned to Lorain county, and commenced the study of law with Vincent & Sheldon, Elyria. In 1860 he was admitted to the bar, and became a member of the firm with whom he had learned his profession, and within the first year, Mr. Vincent retiring, Mr. Shel-

don and Mr. Smith formed a new partnership; but the Civil war breaking out, the senior partner went into the army in 1861, and in the following year our subject became a partner with Judge W. W. Boynton, which copartnership lasted some three or four years. In June, 1871, he was appointed probate judge of Lorain county, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John W. Steele, and continued in the office, by re-election, till February, 1882, since when he has been acting justice of the peace.

On December 26, 1871, Judge Smith was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Smyth, of Ontario county, N. Y., and five children have been born to them, namely: Fannie, Clara Louise, Frank Carleton, Gertrude and Leroy. Politically Judge Smith was a Democrat till the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, since when he has been a Republican.

REV. MATTHEW L. STARR, retired, was born April 4, 1809, in Jefferson township, Schoharie Co., N. Y., a son of Talcott and Mary (Lindsley) Starr, who came to Lorain county in 1840, and here died.

The subject of this sketch received his elementary education at the subscription schools of his native place, supplemented with a three-years' course at an academy, and he was reared on his father's farm. Having decided to devote his life to the ministry, he, after marriage, prepared himself for the work, attending a Theological school in his native State. Having duly qualified, he preached his first sermon in Jefferson, Schoharie Co., N. Y., taking for his text the words: "Behold! I stand at the door and knock." For three years after his marriage he continued to live on his father's farm, at the same time following his duties as a minister of the M. E. Church, and then traveled four years in the New York Conference. Removing to Massachusetts, he was associated with the Great Barrington (Berkshire county) Conference for a time; from there was transferred to Bloomfield, Conn., thence to Colebrook, same State. In 1838 he received a transfer to the Michigan Conference, at that time embracing the portion of Ohio wherein Lorain county lies, to reach which he and his wife had to drive to Buffalo, N. Y., thence proceed by lake to Cleveland, and then take stage for Elyria. From Elyria to Penfield township they came by a conveyance driven by Orrin Starr, a pioneer of that township, and at his home our travelers made their first sojourn in Ohio.

The reason of Rev. and Mrs. Starr preferring to come to Lorain county, was on account of her parents, William L. and Aurilla (Lindsley) Hayes, having made a settlement in Penfield township. Mr. Starr was on the Elyria circuit two years, during which time his home was at LaPorte, Lorain county; thence moved to Medina, then to the Wellington circuit, after which he was stationed, respectively, at Tiffin, Sidney, Bellefontaine and Lima (all in Ohio), from which latter place he returned to Penfield township. After four or five years rest and relaxation, during which time he built a comfortable residence on his farm in that township, and moved therein (he had purchased this property before coming to Ohio), he proceeded, at the earnest request of their friends, to LaPorte; from there went to Richfield (Summit county), thence to Columbia (Lorain county), and from there to Hayesville (Ashland county)—aggregating, from the date of his first sermon, a half century of active life in the ministry of the M. E. Church, and he is now superannuated, preaching only an occasional funeral sermon.

On March 3, 1831, Mr. Starr married in Delaware county, N. Y., Miss Sarah Hayes, born in New Canaan, Conn., and to this union were born children, as follows: Alta M.,

who died, unmarried, at the age of twenty-one; Sarah M., who died unmarried at the age of twenty-three; Elbert A., a farmer of Penfield township; Wilbur F., who died when five years old; Watson F., a livery-man, of Mackinaw Island, Mich.; Mary I., Mrs. William Sheldon, of Kansas; and Irving, a farmer of Penfield township. Mr. Starr, in his political preferences, was for many years a stanch Republican, but of late has been an uncompromising Prohibitionist, not only in theory but in practice, for never in his long life has he tasted either liquor or tobacco. He and his faithful wife, now in the sixty-third year of their married life, are hand in hand descending the hill toward the golden sunset, wearing well their years of honored and useful lives, and enjoying the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends. On October 23, 1893, Mrs. Starr received a shock which affected her right side, and on January 4, 1894, she fell, injuring her hip on the same side.

ALANSON GILLMORE. This honored old pioneer of Lorain county deserves more than a passing notice in this volume. were it only for his continuous residence here of over fourscore years, in that period witnessing the transformation of forests wild into fields of golden grain; and the time of the old postboy and stage-coach giving place to the era of steam and electricity.

Mr. Gillmore was born in April, 1805, in Hampshire county, Mass., seventh in the family and the only survivor of eight children born to Edward and Elizabeth (Stewart) Gillmore, both also natives of Massachusetts. In 1812 they came to Lorain county, the journey from Hampshire county, Mass., being made overland with teams, and occupying thirty days. They located on land on the shore of Lake Erie, two miles west of the mouth of Black river. Here they opened out a farm, on which they passed the rest of their busy lives. The mother died in February, 1844, the father on April 9, 1846. He was a strong John Quincy Adams man, also a supporter of John Adams; in his later life he was a Democrat.

Alanson Gillmore was seven years old when his parents brought him to Lorain county, and he was reared on the shore of Lake Erie, his education being received at the primitive schools of those early days. When the family first came here, they killed game in abundance in what is now Black River township. Our subject distinctly remembers Perry's victory on Lake Erie, and the firing at the time of Hull's surrendering of Detroit to the Canadian militia. Till he was twenty-one years of age he worked on a farm, and then went into a shipyard with Capt. Augustus Jones, of the sloop "William Tell." For over thirty years he was employed as a ship builder, working chiefly in the principal cities along the lakes.

On February 23, 1833, he was married to Miss Evaline C. Jones, a native of Connecticut, whose half-brother came to Lorain, Ohio, in 1818. To this union were born five children (all yet living except one), as follows: Adelaide E., wife of Edmund Gillmore, of Lorain; Simon A., married, and living in Lorain; Joel M., a seafaring man, drowned in Lake Michigan July 2, 1886; Byron A., residing in Lorain, and Fannie, wife of Capt. Thomas Wilford, also of Lorain. The mother of this family died on the farm on Lake Erie, October 5, 1850, and February 10, 1859, Mr. Gillmore married Emma Lynch. She died in 1863, and June 5, 1865, our subject was united in marriage, in Dodge county, Wis., with Mrs. Sarah Mantoe, a native of New Hampshire, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Barron) Burnham, who in an early day migrated to Michigan, thence to Wisconsin at the time it was a territory. This Mrs. Gillmore had been twice married before her union with our

subject, first time to Mr. A. Bankson, by whom she had two daughters, viz.: Louisa, wife of William Cross, of Fairmount, Minn.; and Jennie, widow of William Washington Peanick. By her marriage with Mr. Mantoe she had one son: George Arthur, in San Francisco, Cal., foreman in a bonded warehouse. During the Revolution Grandfather Jonathan Barron served as an aid-de-camp to his father Gen. Barron. Jonathan Barron married a Miss Minor.

In politics our subject was originally a Whig, and since the formation of the party has been a strong Republican; he has served as justice of the peace (two terms) and township assessor. In matters of religion he is a member of the Disciple Church.

LEVI MORSE. Among the prominent citizens of Lorain county, none is more notable than this gentleman, who is a trustee of Elyria township.

Mr. Morse is a native of Connecticut, born in Prospect, New Haven county, July 1, 1812, a son of Lent and Lydia (Doolittle) Morse, the former of whom was born in Cheshire, New Haven Co., Conn., followed farming, and died at the age of sixty-seven years; he was descended from one of three brothers who came from England in very early times. Mrs. Lydia Morse, the mother of our subject, lived to be fifty years old, and had six children, of whom the following is a brief record: Lydia married Samuel Bronson, and resided in Waterbury, Conn., where she died, leaving one son, Spencer Bronson; Lent died in Prospect when about forty years old, leaving two daughters, Martha and Lucy; Luther lived in Prospect, married Adelia Platt, and reared three children: Nancy, Agnes and Edward; Levi, the subject of this sketch, is the fourth child; Harry married Sarah Gillette, and died, leaving seven children: George, John, Walter, Byron, Hattie, Mary and Alice; Achsah married George Payne, of Prospect, where she still resides (she reared three children: Achsah, Lydia and Harry). The mother of this family died in 1825, and in 1828 or '29 Mr. Morse married Miss Tuttle, by whom there are three children: Augustus M., Sarah and Lydia Ann.

Levi Morse, whose name opens this sketch, was reared and educated in his native town, Prospect. In 1835, at the age of twenty-three, when Elyria was but a small place of perhaps four hundred inhabitants, with two or three stores, a log house used for a jail and no church buildings, he came west to Ohio, and there commenced business in the store of S. W. Baldwin, who had accompanied him to the town. He remained in his employ some fifteen years, at the end of which time he embarked in the dry-goods business in company with a Mr. Andrews, under the firm name of Andrews & Co. In about two years Mr. Andrews died, and Mr. Morse carried on the business alone for a time. We then find him in the responsible position of first station agent at Elyria for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, which incumbency he filled with ability and satisfaction three years; after which for a time he was in the produce trade—buying and selling grain. In 1863 he was elected township trustee, which position he has held continuously since, excepting one term. He was superintendent of the County Infirmary for over two years.

In 1840 Mr. Morse was united in marriage with Miss Minerva Mann, who was born in New York State, December 7, 1818, and the children born to this union were as follows: Milo Welsey, born April 21, 1842, enlisted in 1862 in Company E, Forty-second Regiment O. V. I., and was killed May 25, 1863, at the siege of Vicksburg, while on sharpshooting duty; Clara A., born January 15, 1846, died February 18, 1849, of scarlet fever; Alfred D., born

January 29, 1851, now living in Elyria, married to Miss Adams, of Columbia; Edward F., born November 11, 1853, is in the mining business, and he and his wife make their home alternately in Stockton and Salt Lake City, Utah; Lydia May, the wife of Rev. J. F. Brant, of Port Clinton, Ohio, was born April 10, 1859; Charles L., born October 6, 1861, in business in Elyria, married to Miss Basset, of Elyria.

Mr. Morse in his political proclivities is a Republican, and has voted for every Whig and Republican candidate for President since 1833. In his church relationship he is a Methodist, and took a prominent part in building the first M. E. Church (now the Disciple Church) on East Second street, which was dedicated in 1851. He has held an official position in the church of his choice since 1843, and is now one among less than a dozen of the original membership of the First M. E. Church. His children now living are four in number, and he has eight grandchildren.

THOMAS LOTHROP NELSON, prominent merchant and banker of Elyria, was born in Lyme, Grafton Co., N. H., January 11, 1823, a son of Asa and Sarah (Gilbert) Nelson. His mother was the daughter of Major Thomas Lothrop Gilbert, a worthy citizen of Lyme.

The Gilberts had emigrated to Lyme from Hebron, Conn., and, at the time of Thomas L. Nelson's birth, a line of worthy ancestors had lived in Lyme for at least one hundred and eighty years, and the old Gilbert Homestead, in which Thomas L. Nelson was born, is now occupied by a descendant of the seventh generation. His father, Asa Nelson, was a merchant in Lyme, but died when his youngest child was small, and left his widow with no means, but a stout heart and courage to care for a family of small children.

The little lad, Thomas L. Nelson, spent his boyhood days in his Grandfather Gilbert's family. Mr. Nelson enjoyed and improved the few educational advantages which the place afforded, and then went for a time to Thetford Academy, Vermont, near by; but he was a close student and careful reader all his life. Upon leaving school he was employed in a dry-goods store in his native town for two years, and then, attaining his majority, he started for the great West, reaching Oberlin, Ohio, where his uncle (by marriage) Deacon Porter Turner resided. His ambition was to acquire an education at the college in Oberlin, but as all his possessions consisted of one dollar in money and the small bundle he carried in his hand, the way to procure an education did not seem clear to him. Yet this early struggle and disappointment prepared the way for him to sympathize with, and help in later years, young men similarly situated.

Thomas L. Nelson left Oberlin, walked to Mansfield, Richland county, and at last, after many attempts and failures to find employment, secured a position as clerk in a dry-goods store, which clerkship he held for six months. A kind Providence afterward directed his steps to Elyria, and he entered the store of Baldwin, Starr & Co. At the end of five years of industry, the strictest economy and self-denial, he was able to become a partner in this business, under the firm name of Starr & Co. In 1857 the firm of Baldwin, Laundon & Nelson was formed, and for fifteen years Mr. Nelson was known throughout the county as an honest, upright, successful merchant. The largest business in Lorain county was done by this house. At the time of this partnership the same parties also conducted a large mercantile house in Wellington. In 1872 Mr. Nelson withdrew from the mercantile business, and in company with J. C. Hill organized the Savings Deposit Bank, of which he was chief stockholder and the honored President up to the time of his last sickness.

Thomas L. Nelson

He was a valuable man in the community, and his presence in business or Christian meetings was, as it were, "a tower of strength." He was always interested in the cause of education and the upbuilding of humanity. For thirty-one years he was a member of the Board of Education of Elyria, and for eighteen years its president. For nearly twenty years he served as trustee of Oberlin College. For one year he was mayor of Elyria, but declined all other offices tendered to him. Mr. Nelson cast his first vote with the Whig party, and afterward was a member of the Liberty and Republican parties as they came into existence. For thirty-seven years he was a beloved member of the Congregational Church, ever ready to bear the burdens of the Church, a devout attendant upon its worship, a constant worker in the Sabbath-school, and a faithful witness for truth and righteousness. When a young man he laid down certain rules for governing his life, among which honor, strict business integrity and Christian charity stood most prominent in his mind. A life regulated by such standards bore its fruits in winning the confidence of all with whom he came in contact and in an enviable reputation. How little does a sketch of this length portray the character of such a man!

In a business career of nearly half a century—a man of unstained integrity, as a citizen—honored and respected. A Church-member, beloved and mourned. In social circles always the gracious, affable gentleman. Thomas Lothrop Nelson died February 21, 1891.

Mr. Nelson was thrice married. His first wife was Miss Lucretia Churchill (daughter of Judge Churchill, of Lyme, N. H.), whom he married July 24, 1851; she died January 18, 1853, leaving an infant daughter, Lucretia, now the wife of the Rev. E. P. Butler, of Sunderland, Mass. On August 21, 1856, he married Miss Mary L. Moody, of Chicopee, Mass. She died February 13, 1863, leaving three daughters: Mary L., the wife of A. L. Garford, of Elyria; Lizzie Gilbert, who died in childhood, and Sarah M., wife of Robert Frey. After ten years Mr. Nelson married, February 19, 1873, Miss Frances H. Sanford, of Elyria, who survives him.

The last Mrs. Nelson was the youngest daughter of Frederick Burr Sanford and Eveline (Nichols) Sanford. Mr. Sanford was born in Danbury, Conn., April 25, 1805. He was educated in the academies of his native place, and at the age of seventeen years, with his brother-in-law, Thomas W. Pitman, went South and engaged in commercial business in Newberne, N. C., but after a sojourn of some years they sold out and returned to their home in Danbury. On May 6, 1830, he married Eveline Nichols, daughter of Aaron Nichols, of Danbury. She was a woman of rare gifts, active in Church work, a friend of the poor, a sister of mercy to the sick and afflicted—an example of all that is sweet, tender and heroic in Christian faith. After the birth of their six children they left Connecticut and settled in Elyria, Ohio. Mr. Sanford again embarked in mercantile business, for a long period being proprietor of the then well-known "Peoples' Store." Subsequently he engaged in the shoe business. His noble, beautiful life passed from earth December 27, 1879; his wife preceded him March 1, 1864. They were both members of the Congregational Church, and their children cherish the tenderest memories of their home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sanford were descendants of the Starr family, a name well known throughout Connecticut, and they were worthy descendants of such a long line of noble ancestors.

ORRIN HALL, than whom there is no one better known or more highly respected in Lorain county, was born April 5, 1816, in Connecticut, a son of Avery Hall, also of the Nutmeg State, whose father's name was also Avery.

Avery Hall, father of subject, was reared on a farm, and when a young man took up the business of what was commonly known throughout the country as a "Yankee peddler," selling, in company with another, tinware and notions from their tin shop in Meriden, Conn., the first of the kind in the town. On December 27, 1801, he married Miss Sarah Foster, who bore him two children: Selden, born September 19, 1802, and died in Wellington, whither he had removed from Brighton, and where he lived retired; and Alfred, born May 21, 1803, and died in 1890 in Perth Amboy, N. J., where he was in the terra cotta business. The mother of these dying, Mr. Hall married, September 1, 1805, for his second wife, Miss Lucy Bacon, the result of which union was children as follows, born in Connecticut: Erastus, born July 28, 1806, was a merchant, and died in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Sarah, born November 11, 1807, married Cyrus Miner, and died in Townsend, Huron Co., Ohio; Edwin, born April 9, 1809, lives in Elyria, Ohio; Avery, born February 28, 1812, a farmer, died in 1891 in Kansas; Lucy, born April 13, 1814, married Lorenzo Doty, and died in Brighton, Lorain county; Orrin is the subject of this memoir; Julia and Julius (twins), born April 19, 1818, of whom Julius died in infancy (Julia was first married to Alfred Lamb, and after his decease to William Cook; she died in Perrysburg, Ohio); one born June 17, 1820, and died in infancy; and Theophilus, born May 15, 1821, lives retired in Wellington, Ohio.

In New England Avery Hall owned a farm, and also a sawmill located on Muddy brook. About the year 1820 he came to Ohio in company with a man by the name of Comstock, the journey hither being beset with many hardships and much suffering. In Lorain county Avery selected 200 acres of wild land, and then returned to Connecticut, where for the Lorain land he traded what property he had to the State of Connecticut. In the summer of 1822 he and such of his family as were then living, excepting two sons—Selden and Alfred (who had already gone on, in order to prepare a cabin, walking the entire distance carrying their packs on their backs)—set out for their new Western home. The family, together with their goods and chattels, came in two wagons drawn by a span of horses and a yoke of oxen, respectively, others of the farm stock, including a couple of cows, being led behind. After a tedious though somewhat uneventful journey of four weeks and four days, the party arrived in Lorain county, locating in what afterward became Brighton township. The county seat was then Medina, now of Medina county, Lorain county being organized about the year 1821, and the Hall family was the fifth to come into the township. (The county was organized the year before they came in, and the township the year after). On their arrival they found the cabin not quite completed, consequently they stayed at the home of Calvin Rice for a time. While living in Brighton township three more children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Avery Hall, to wit: John W., born August 26, 1823, of Wisconsin; William, born April 11, 1825, now a mechanic of Southampton, Mass.; and Clarissa, born August 22, 1829, who died when twelve years old. After a residence of some time here, Avery Hall attended a meeting which was called for the purpose of forming a township, and he there suggested for it the name of "Brighton," which was adopted. At that time there were only sufficient voters in the township to fill the several offices established by its formation. The whole country all around for many miles was in a thoroughly wild state, not ten acres of cleared land to be found in the entire township, and bears, deer, wolves, grey foxes, wild turkeys, etc., were numerous; the Indians used to bring fresh meat to the Avery home, which they would trade for other things useful to themselves. In course of time Mr. Hall, as declining years came upon him, retired from active work, and

made his home in Brighton Center, where he died at an advanced age; his wife had preceded him to the grave, dying in November, 1853, and they lie side by side in Brighton Cemetery. In religious faith she was a Congregationalist. Politically Mr. Avery Hall was a Democrat until the formation of the Republican party, when he united with it, continuing in the ranks thereof till the day of his death; he held the first offices in Brighton township, and was as highly respected as he was well known.

Orrin Hall, whose name introduces this sketch, was, as will be seen, six years old when the family came to Ohio, and as for nine years thereafter there were no school houses in Brighton township, his educational advantages were necessarily somewhat limited. For a time he found ample employment in assisting to clear up the land, and at the age of sixteen years he commenced to learn the trades of mason and bricklayer and plasterer, under A. Briggs. Having completed what might be termed his apprenticeship, he worked at these trades as a journeyman in twenty-eight States of the Union and in Upper Canada, traveling about as much to see the country as anything else. Immediately after his marriage he located on a portion of the old Kingsbury homestead in Brighton township, and in 1855 came to his present farm in Brighton township, comprising 115 acres of prime farm land. Since 1888 he has retired from active work, and is now enjoying with ease a well-earned competence.

On November 1, 1843, Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Kingsbury, born November 16, 1823, a daughter of Austin and Altomira (Adams) Kingsbury, who in an early day came from Berkshire county, Mass., to Lorain county. To this union children as follows were born: Charles M., who became a member of Company F, Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, and was killed in 1863 at Mt. Sterling, Ky., where he was buried; Albert, of Cleveland; Andrew, living at home; Mary, Mrs. Albert Pierrepont, of Wyoming; Jay, a teacher at Oberlin, Ohio; and Eva, of Wellington. Politically our subject was originally a Whig, now a Republican, and in religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church at Brighton Center, which he has attended for over sixty years, and has held every office in same.

REV. JOHN J. SHIPHERD. Oberlin is known in the world as an institution of learning and a community, the two having a common origin and a common history. As seen to-day it is a thriving city of some five thousand inhabitants, surrounded by a prosperous farming community, in the midst of which stands a college with its various departments, theological, collegiate, preparatory and musical, and an average yearly attendance of about fifteen hundred students. The projectors and prime movers of the enterprise were Rev. John J. Shipherd, then pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Elyria, and his associate and friend, Philo P. Stewart.

John J. Shipherd was born March 28, 1802, in West Granville, Washington Co., N. Y., son of Zebulon R. and Elizabeth B. Shipherd. He was carefully and religiously educated, and while at school at Pawlet, Va., in preparation for college, his conscious religious life opened in a conversion which began in intense conviction and conflict, and resulted in great peace and joy. From this time to the end of his days his character and life were marked with profound earnestness and restless activity. In his youth a serious mistake, in swallowing poison instead of a remedy prescribed for a slight indisposition, so affected his constitution, involving a weakness of his eyes, that he had to abandon his preparatory studies for entering the college at Middlebury, Vt., and turn his attention to such business as opened to him.

In 1824 he married Miss Esther Raymond, of Ballston, N. Y., and removed to Vergennes, Vt., to engage in the marble business. But he had still in view the work of preparing for the Gospel ministry, and his eyesight having improved, he entered the study of Rev. Josiah Hopkins, of New Haven, Vt., where he spent a year and a half, in company with other young men, in theological study. His first year in the ministry was with the church in Shelburne, Vt. The next two years he was engaged in the general Sunday-school work in the State, making Middlebury his headquarters, editing a Sunday-school paper, and traveling throughout the State in the work of organizing schools. Concluding to try a new field for his life work, he took a commission from the American Home Missionary Society, and "went out, not knowing whither he went," but turning his face to the "Valley of the Mississippi," as the whole country west of the Alleghany Mountains was then called. At Cleveland he met Rev. D. W. Lathrop, who had just closed his labors as pastor of the church in Elyria, and upon his invitation he came to that town in October, 1830, and the following February was installed pastor of the church. In October, 1832, he tendered his resignation, and entered upon the work of laying the foundations at Oberlin, in which connection he was joined, the same year, by his old friend, Philo Penfield Stewart, the companion of his boyhood at Pawlet Academy. Thus the two founders of Oberlin were finally brought together, consecrated to the great cause, and ready for any sacrifice which the work required. In constitution and natural movement they were greatly unlike. Mr. Shipherd was ardent, hopeful, sanguine, disposed to underestimate difficulties and obstacles; while Mr. Stewart was slow and cautious, apprehensive of difficulties, and inclined to provide for them in advance. But they had entire confidence in each other, in respect to rectitude of heart and purpose, although their coöperation doubtless involved some difficulties; but whatever they were, there was unanimity in the pushing to consummation the one grand object in view. In their deliberations they exchanged views; one would present one point of interest, and another a different one. Thus they labored and prayed, and one day while on their knees asking guidance, the whole plan developed itself to Mr. Shipherd's mind, and before rising to his feet he said: "Come, let us arise and build." He then told Mr. Stewart what had come into his mind—to procure a tract of land and collect a colony of Christian families that should pledge themselves with all its interests. They came down from the study, and Mr. Shipherd, with a glowing face, said to his wife: "Well, my dear, the child is born, and what shall its name be?" It was named for John Frederic Oberlin, a German pastor of Waldbach, in the Vosges Mountains, Eastern France, who had died a few years before, of whose labors, in elevating the people of his parish, an interesting account had been published in this country, as a Sunday-school book.

Several sites were proposed whereon to found Oberlin, but none of the situations gave sufficient scope to Mr. Shipherd's ideal community; finally a forest-covered tract eight miles southwest from Elyria, in the township of Russia, was decided on, the owners of which lived in New Haven, Conn. Hence a journey must be made by some one to New England, for the threefold purpose of securing the land, the money, and the men. In November, 1832, Mr. Shipherd undertook the journey, which had to be accomplished on horseback, arriving at his destination, New Haven, in the course of two weeks. "The day after his arrival," to quote from Mrs. Shipherd's records, "he called on Messrs. Street and Hughes, the owners of the land, and laid his plan before them, and asked the gift of five hundred acres for a Manual Labor School, proposing to gather a colony of families who should pay

a dollar and a half an acre, for five thousand acres in addition, representing that this would bring the lands into market, and thus prove a mutual benefit. But they could not see the prospect. He called on them day after day unsuccessfully, until at length he came down from his room one morning, and remarked to the lady of the house, our friend, 'I shall succeed to-day;' and she told me afterward that his face shone like the face of Moses. He accordingly went over to the office, and after the morning salutations, one of the firm said: 'Well, Mr. Shipherd, we have concluded to accept your proposition.' They adjusted matters, and he was prepared to proceed with his work of collecting the colony."

The arrangement was to sell five thousand acres, bought for one dollar and a half an acre, to colonists, at an advance of one dollar an acre, and thus secure a fund of five thousand dollars for laying the foundations of the college. But Mr. Shipherd engaged that from this fund a sawmill and a gristmill should be erected, to be owned by the college, as these were essential to the very existence of the colony, and there was no probability that the mills would be erected as a private enterprise.

But as it does not come within the province of this biographical article to give a history of Oberlin, which has already most exhaustively and graphically been treated on by Prof. James H. Fairchild, president of Oberlin College, it but remains for us here to conclude the personal sketch of Mr. Shipherd.

While in the East, he had engaged the number of families he supposed it desirable to invite to become the nucleus of the Oberlin Colony; had enlisted a considerable number of students who were to join the school at its opening in December following, or the next spring; had looked up and secured the appointment of the necessary teachers, and had raised a fund, in contributions and subscriptions, amounting to nearly fifteen thousand dollars. His journey back to Ohio was characteristic of the man and the times. Mrs. Shipherd had gone in the early summer, with a six-weeks-old babe in her arms, to her father's home in Ballston, N. Y. There Mr. Shipherd joined her in August, and in an open buggy, with a willow cradle at their feet, they made the journey to Ohio, remembered by Mrs. Shipherd, to the last, as the most pleasant journey of their lives. They then took up their residence in Oberlin.

In 1834 the organization of the "Congregational Church of Christ at Oberlin" was begun, the ministers present at the organization being John J. Shipherd; Seth H. Waldo, principal of the school; John Keyes, pastor of the church at Dover; J. H. Eels, pastor at Elyria; and Oliver Eastman, of Oberlin. Mr. Shipherd, by unanimous call, became its first pastor, in which relationship he continued, with some interruption from ill health and his other duties, until June, 1836.

There were special educational enterprises of a missionary character, in which the colony shared with the college. The first of these was led by Mr. Shipherd himself, who had laid the foundations here, and had a longing to continue work of the kind. In providing men for Oberlin, the church and the college, he had not been careful to reserve a place for himself; and thus, after ten years, while still a young man, he found himself with improved health, free from the responsibility in the college except as trustee. Having occasion, in the autumn of 1843, to pass through the State of Michigan, his mind occupied with the thought of another Oberlin, he chanced upon a place in Eaton county that impressed him as possibly the appointed field. Returning to Oberlin, he gathered a few of the men who had joined the Oberlin colony upon his invitation, and proposed to them the new enterprise. In the spring of 1844 Mr. Shipherd took his wife and six sons into a wagon, together

with such household goods as could be readily transported, with a young man or two to drive his cows and sheep, and made his way overland to the new wilderness home. A half-dozen families from Oberlin followed, and two young men, graduates of the preceding year, joined them as teachers. Thus the foundations of the town and the college of Olivet, Mich., were laid. The new settlement had its experiences of hardship and trial; sickness came to many, especially to Mr. Shipherd and his family. In September, 1844, at the age of forty-two, he passed away, and his grave was made in the new colony, where his memory is still cherished, as it is in Oberlin. No published writings of his remain, and as no portrait of him, of any kind, was ever taken, not even an outline of his features was left. Mrs. Shipherd returned to Oberlin with her fatherless boys, and by the help of the people here her former home was secured to her. After some years three sons came forward to their mother's aid, and provided her a home in Cleveland, where some of them had settled in business. She died December 7, 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-two. A memorial window in the Plymouth Church at Cleveland symbolizes the self-forgetfulness and beauty of her life. A simple tablet in the Ladies' Hall is all that bears the Shipherd name at Oberlin—Oberlin itself is the monument. [Compiled from "Oberlin: The Colony and the College," by the kind permission of the author, Prof. James H. Fairchild.

PHILO PENFIELD STEWART. This gentleman, whose name has been associated with that of John J. Shipherd, in the above sketch, when treating of the organization of Oberlin Colony and College, was a native of Connecticut, born in the town of Sherman, July, 1798. When ten years of age, on account of his father's death, he was sent to live with his maternal grandfather, in Pittsford, Vt., and at the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to his uncle in Pawlet, Vt., to learn the saddle and harness-making trade. In this apprenticeship he served seven years, with a term of three months each year in the Pawlet Academy, a privilege which he greatly prized, and thoroughly improved. Under the influence of a Christian teacher in the Academy, he had devoted his life to the Master's service; and after completing his apprenticeship he experienced a sort of second conversion, in a conflict with his love of money, which seemed a natural tendency in his character. Thus he was prepared at the age of twenty-three to accept an appointment from the American Board to a mission among the Choctaws, in the State of Mississippi. The journey of almost 2,000 miles to his field of labor he made on horseback, a pair of saddle-bags containing his whole outfit. The officers of the Board had furnished him seventy dollars for his traveling expenses. But from the time of starting he entered upon his missionary work, and preached the Gospel to the families along the way, until he reached the Choctaw nation, at an expense to the board of only ten dollars for himself and his horse.

An important part of his work at the mission was the superintendence of its secular affairs, for which he was well fitted. In addition he taught the boys' school, and with the help of an interpreter held services on the Sabbath in the different Indian settlements. His health failing, he returned to Vermont to recruit, but returned again to the mission in 1827, with a reinforcement of one young man and three young women, whom he took over the long journey in a wagon, at an expense only slightly greater than that involved in his own journey six years before.

In 1828 Mr. Stewart, now thirty years of age, married Miss Eliza Capen, one of the young women whom he had taken out to the mission the previous year from

Pittsford, Vt., and together they wrought in the mission two or three years more, when Mrs. Stewart's broken health compelled them to return north, and resign the mission work. Still on the outlook for a field for Christian labor, he corresponded with his old friend, Mr. Shipherd, the companion of his boyhood at Pawlet Academy; and as a result, leaving Mrs. Stewart behind, he joined him at Elyria in the spring of 1832, and became an inmate of his family.

During Mr. Shipherd's eastern tour in 1832, to secure lands, funds, etc., Mr. Stewart was rejoined by Mrs. Stewart, and they remained at Elyria with Mr. Shipherd's family, Mr. Stewart being especially occupied in the work of bringing to perfection a cooking-stove which he had invented, and which was known as the "Oberlin stove." This was the beginning of the Stewart cooking-stove, which has become so well known throughout the country. It was his expectation that the success of the invention would warrant the trustees of the school in taking the pecuniary responsibility involved, and thus all the profits might go to the school; but the trustees never felt authorized to assume this responsibility.

While carrying forward the project of the cooking-stove at Elyria, Mr. Stewart had general supervision of the work of the new colony at Oberlin, meeting the colonists as they came from the East with information and counsel and encouragement, conducting such correspondence as the work called for from this point, and holding frequent meetings with several gentlemen of the region who had consented to act as trustees of the enterprise. Thus the work at Oberlin was begun.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, having no children, had pledged themselves to the service of the Oberlin Institute for five years, for no other compensation than the mere cost of living. When the school was opened in 1833 they took charge of the boarding-hall, and continued in this capacity of father and mother to the young people, until 1836. The first year he was also general manager, in the absence of Mr. Shipherd, as treasurer of the college. His views and practice of frugality, and plainness of diet, were somewhat too rigid for general acceptance with the students, and in 1836 he resigned the stewardship of the "Hall," and with some sense of disappointment Mr. and Mrs. Stewart made their way eastward to Vermont, and finally to New York, to work out the stove problem, which for two or three years had been held in suspense. He established his home at Troy, N. Y., in the neighborhood of the manufacturers who worked out his inventions.

Mr. Stewart, worn out with the cares and perplexities of his business, died December 13, 1868, at the age of seventy years. Mrs. Stewart afterward remained at her home in Troy, the only survivor of the group that in the parsonage at Elyria, in prayer and consultation, devoted themselves to the work of building up in the wilderness a Christian College, and a Christian community. [Compiled from "Oberlin: The Colony and The College," by the kind permission of the author, Prof. James H. Fairchild.

DAVID BENNETT, one of the early settlers of Lorain county, was born on the 26th day of May, 1788, in Westmoreland, Cheshire Co., N. H., being third in a family of fifteen children.

His father, Dea. David Bennett, was the only son of one of three brothers who came from England to the Massachusetts Colony about the year 1750, and was born at Harvard, Mass., May 28, 1761, his parents both dying in his infancy. At the age of sixteen years he enlisted in the infantry service of the United States army, and fought in the Revolution. He was married in 1783 to Abagail Chase, and to

them were born nine children. He joined the Baptist Church at Jamaica, Vt., in 1806, and the next year received the appointment of deacon. In December, 1811, he contracted a second marriage with Selina Holmes, and to them were born six children. He died at Dummerston, Vt., June 9, 1848.

David Bennett at the age of twenty-two years married Polly Wheeler, and lived at Londonderry, Windham Co., Vt., until the year 1827, when he came to Carlisle township and purchased 112 acres of land in Section 12, one and one-half miles west of the center. He returned east for his family, consisting of his wife and a niece, and the next spring, in May, came to make a permanent settlement on his farm. He soon afterward built the first frame house in that part of the township; put under cultivation 110 acres of land, and there resided until his death, July 16, 1863.

On February 6, 1830, he married, for his second wife, Jane, eldest daughter of Neri and Betsy Galpin, of Elyria, and to them were born six children: Polly, who died at the age of fifteen years; Jane A., wife of W. C. Sutliff; Emerett, wife of Curtis Webster, Elyria; Celestia, who died in infancy; Melvin R. and Cassimar D. Mrs. Bennett died December 27, 1884, at the age of seventy-four years. David Bennett was an energetic farmer, and became successful in his chosen vocation. In politics he was a Democrat, and held various offices of trust in the township, being for six years justice of the peace, and for two terms township treasurer. In religious faith he was a Universalist.

M. R. Bennett, the eldest son, was born September 11, 1849, on the home farm, where he resided until 1884, when he removed to seventy acres adjoining which he now owns. He received an elementary education in the common schools of his native township, afterward attending Elyria High School, and subsequently Oberlin Academy.

On January 27, 1880, he was united in marriage with Miss Katie L. Schaden, a native of Lorain county, and to them were born two children, Florence E. and Karl E. Mr. Bennett, politically, votes with the Democratic party, and in 1872 was elected to the office of township clerk, in which position he has since served.

G D. BENNETT, an enterprising wide-awake farmer of Carlisle township, is a native of same, born November 2, 1852, a son of David and Jane (Galpin) Bennett.

He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and is now owner of sixty-four acres of well-improved land, where he carries on general farming. In 1887 he married Miss Carlie Kellogg, of Oberlin, Ohio.

PARKS FOSTER. As a living example of what it is possible for man, with willing heart and hands, to accomplish—how from the bottom round of the ladder, upward, to work out for himself an honorable competency, a solid reputation and a good name—this gentleman stands prominent among the worthy citizens of his native county.

Mr. Foster was born in Lorain county, Ohio, September 4, 1832, of New England ancestry. His paternal grandfather, who was a native of Vermont, for some ten or twelve years lived in the State of New York, whence he came to Ohio, where he passed the rest of his days. Elisha Foster, father of subject, also of Vermont birth, moved to New York State with his parents when nine years old, and in 1816 proceeded westward to Ohio, making a settlement in what is now Avon township, Lorain county, at that time a wild, unbroken wilderness. The next year he

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moved to Amherst, same county, and the farm which he cleared and lived on is still in the possession of members of the family. In addition to his agricultural interests he kept hotel at Amherst for fourteen years. He married Miss Ann Maria Mason, who was born in Lee, Mass., January 12, 1804, and is still living on the old home farm, hale and hearty for a woman of her years.

Parks Foster received his education in the old log schoolhouse at Amherst, and early commenced the arduous work incident to farm life in his younger days. This he pursued until he was thirty-six years old, and then went into the stone business, Amherst township and vicinity being famed for its quantity and quality of sandstone. At the end of two years he sold out and moved to Elyria, but shortly afterward, on account of his wife's impaired health, they went to the Sunny South, sojourning in Chattanooga, Tenn., seven years, during which time he was connected, as director, with the First National Bank of Chattanooga; was president of the first street railway organization in that city; was one of the first organizers of of the Roane Iron Company Mills, at that time one of the largest rolling mills in the South, and was assistant superintendent of same; helped to start the Wasson Car Works, and also assisted in the erection of a flouring mill. On behalf of the Government, he helped to open up the Mussel Shoals Canal, employing in the work a large number of men for a year. He put out the first extensive peach orchard, yielding good fruit, on the side of Missionary Ridge, where the battle of Missionary Ridge was fought; in addition to which he became interested in real estate, owning lands and houses, including a handsome residence in Chattanooga, which was the family home while in that city. On his return to Lorain county, Mr. Foster reëntered the stone business, in company with Clough Bros., the firm style being "The Clough Stone Co.," which continued some seven years. They built the railroad to the quarry from Oberlin, some four miles in length, afterward selling out to the Cleveland Stone Company.

After selling his interests in the Clough Stone Co., Mr. Foster took a trip to Europe, remaining there some months, visiting various countries, and then set sail again for his native land. Soon after his return he engaged extensively in the lake vessel business, as a member of two transportation companies, the Escanaba & Lake Michigan Transportation Co., and the Owen Line, and one of the vessels, a handsome craft, bears his name—"The Parks Foster."

In 1888, Mr. Foster was appointed, by Gov. Foraker, one of the trustees of the State Asylum for the Insane, at Toledo, and served throughout the Governor's term; under Gov. Campbell he was removed for political reasons only, but was reappointed by Gov. McKinley, and still enjoys the incumbency.

In addition to Mr. Foster's manifold businesses above recounted, he is interested in a cattle ranch in Colorado, and also in coal industries. For a time he was a stockholder in and director of the Savings Deposit Bank Co., of Elyria. He owns two large farms near Toledo, and, in connection with J. C. Hill and T. L. Nelson, was interested in an extensive timber business. He is at present a director of and stockholder in the Garford Manufacturing Co., and the Electric Light Plant at Lorain, Ohio. In 1890 he was elected a member of the State Board of Equalization, serving thereon some seven months.

While in Toledo Mr. Foster contracted (in 1891) with that city to lay some pipes, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, and while engaged on same was taken so ill that he had to be conveyed to his home, where he gradually became worse, and in May, 1892, he had to take to his bed, and for eleven months he lay between life and death, his friends all despairing of his recovery. In October, after lying some five months dangerously ill, he submitted to a

heroic operation. Medical skill, backed by a good constitution, prevailed, and the patient slowly gained strength, although he had lost one hundred pounds in weight. Five months elapsed after the operation before much improvement in his system was noticeable, but since then he has improved steadily, and is now almost fully recovered—a living monument to modern medical and surgical skill.

In October, 1855, Parks Foster and Mary L. Robertson, a native of Lorain county, were united in marriage, and four children—one son and three daughters—were born to them, of whom the following is a brief record: Sarah May is the wife of S. L. Kent, of New York City; Burton P. is a resident of Findlay, Ohio; Mary L. is the wife of Arthur W. Walker, of Portsmouth, N. H.; and Miss Florence is a student of music at Boston, Mass. John B. Robertson, Mrs. Foster's father, was a native of Ballston, N. Y., and was well-known in prominent Democratic circles. He was formerly a resident of Saratoga, N. Y., coming to Lorain county in 1830. He married Miss Temperance Foot, a native of Lee, Mass., and they had five children – three sons and two daughters—of whom two sons are living, in Lorain county and New York City, respectively. Mr. Robertson died in 1875. His widow is now living in Amherst township, Lorain county, at the advanced age of ninety-three years.

Mrs. Foster passed her girlhood in Amherst township, where she was educated. It was after marriage, when her health began to fail, that she and her husband went South, as already related. She has ever been a hard worker in the interests of reform, a zealous Church woman, and was the one who took the initiative and most active part in the erecting of the present Baptist Church building. A member of several organizations, she acts as chairman of numerous committees. She is a live worker in the social interests of the Church, and raised the wherewithal to establish the Temperance Reading Room. In the Anti-Liquor League recently organized, she is one of the active workers, and a leader in its councils. She is a power in the family circle, and a counsellor to her husband, at times aggressive when he may be mild or indifferent, but always on the side of right, to that end, in all things, fearless and unflinching.

WILLIAM SMITH, retired, enjoys the distinction of being one of the oldest and most honored of the farmer citizens of Lorain county. He was born in Bennington county, Vt., December 30, 1809, and is consequently now fourscore and four years old.

He is a son of Samuel and Pollie (Fuller) Smith, the former of whom was born in Vermont, was a farmer by occupation, and died in Ashland county, Ohio, at the age of eighty-three. His wife, when aged sixty-two, died in Illinois, whither he had accompanied her, but returned East just prior to his death. His father, Daniel Smith, a Vermonter, came of old Puritan stock, and was a deacon in the Baptist Church; Mrs. Pollie Smith, our subject's mother, was also a Baptist. She had five children, of whom the following is a brief record: Jedediah is residing near Plattsburg, N. Y.; William is the subject of this sketch; Willis is living in Utah; Laura, who was married in New York State to a Mr. Webb, died in Iowa; and Lydia, married to a Mr. Pixley, is living in Orange, Ashland Co., Ohio.

William Smith received a liberal education at the schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth, and was reared to agricultural pursuits on his father's farm. At about the age of twenty-six he moved to New York State, but after a year's sojourn there came to Ohio, settling on a piece of land in Sullivan township, Ash-

land county, commencing there with about four hundred dollars, and by industry and indomitable perseverance succeeded in accumulating a handsome competence, becoming the owner of 388 acres of fertile land. There he lived forty-one years, or until about 1878, when he came to Wellington, Lorain county, and has here since made his home. In November, 1835, our subject married Miss Sabrina Palmer, and eleven children were born to this union, of whom the following is a succinct record: (1) Lydia M. married George McClellen, and had two children: Lydia M. and Julia, both married; Lydia M. died in Wellington in 1884. (2) Platt B. is a farmer in Sullivan township, Ashland county. (3) Fuller enlisted in Company H, Eighth O. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Cold Harbor. (4) Russell also was in the Civil war, serving under Garfield in the Forty-second O. V. I., during which time his health was completely shattered; he died at home. (5) Martin W. lives in Sullivan, Ohio; he is married and has five children: Nettie, Sabrina, Fuller, Claude and Ethel. (6) Julia is the wife of a Mr. Beem, and resides in Sullivan, Ohio; she has one son, William S. (7) Eli resides in Michigan; he has four children: Milo, Mabel, Ruby and Ettie Joy. (8) George, living in Sullivan, has two children: Louise and Mack. (9) Ettie resides in Sullivan. (10) Milo died in youth. (11) One that died in infancy. The mother of these died in 1874, and in 1878 Mr. Smith wedded Mrs. Lorena G. West, *née* Dimmock, a daughter of Solomon and Clarissa (Phelps) Dimmock. Her father, who was a native of Connecticut, in an early day came to Sharon, Medina county, Ohio, and died at Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga county, at the patriarchal age of ninety-three years. He was a well-known Baptist minister, at first serving in the capacity of a missionary. His wife (who was born in Connecticut, and from there moved to Vermont, where she was married) died at the age of eighty-nine years. They had twelve children, Mrs. Smith being among the younger ones. Her first husband, by whom she had four sons, died in Kansas in 1875; he was a farmer, and a devout member of church. She is an adherent of the Baptist faith, Mr. Smith of the Disciples. Politically he is a Republican, and as a Whig cast his first vote for Polk. In his long life and early pioneer experiences he has an interesting history, and full many a tale of days gone by can he yet relate—of difficulties and dangers unknown to the present generation.

THEODORE FRELINGHUYSEN DANIELS, cashier of the Citizens Savings Bank, Lorain. Of the men who have from the first believed firmly and steadfastly in the ultimate greatness of Lorain, and whose faith has been and still is unshaken by any momentarily discouraging circumstance that might arise, T. F. Daniels has been one of the most patient and persevering. The town never had a bank until he came in 1880, and it has had a good one ever since. When the town grows to a population of a hundred thousand or so he will be remembered as the pioneer banker. His ability and integrity have brought prosperity to the institution of which he has so long been an important officer, and his continued connection with it amounts to a guaranty of its continued success.

Theodore Frelinghuysen Daniels was born in Caledonia, N. Y., on the first day of July, 1844, a son of Eli W. and Ann (Miner) Daniels, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. The mother died when Theodore was four years of age, but his father is yet living at the age of eighty-one. When the subject of this sketch was two years of age the family moved to the wilds of Wisconsin. The first place the family settled was at Oconomowoc, a few years later moving to what is now Auroraville. The Daniels family

was about the first white family to settle in the neighborhood, and young Theodore's first and for a number of years only playmates were young Indians. Settlement was made on the bank of a small stream which was made to furnish power for a saw and grist mill. For many years the place was known as Daniels' Mills, but as it grew in importance, the name was changed. At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion young Theodore desired to accompany his older brother when he went to the front, but his father refused to give his consent on account of his son's delicate health. He continued to assist his father with his business until the last call for troops came in 1864. In September of that year Mr. Daniels enlisted in Battery D, First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery. His company was sent to Brashear City, La., which is some distance below New Orleans. Mr. Daniels was detailed first as clerk in the company headquarters, but afterward became a messenger in the telegraph service. The responsibilities and dangers of this position were sometimes great. He was still in this service when President Lincoln was assassinated, and carried the dispatches which spread the startling news. Mr. Daniels was attacked by "southern fever," and lay for several months in different southern hospitals, being finally discharged at Prairie du Chien in July, 1865.

The following winter he attended a normal school near his home, and was influenced by his teacher to go to Oberlin College. He reached Oberlin February 1, 1866, and graduated from that institution in August, 1872. The next day after he graduated he entered the First National Bank of Oberlin, and it speaks well for his conduct and close application to his work that he became its cashier in a little less than two years and a half. In May, 1875, he was married to Miss Julia H. Lewis, of Pleasanton, Mich., an Oberlin student, who was born near Athens, Ohio, September 9, 1850, daughter of Rev. William S. and Eliza (Campbell) Lewis, the former a native of Bridgeport, Conn., the latter of Acworth, N. H. In 1864 the Lewis family removed to Michigan, and later the daughter attended Oberlin College, where she met her future husband.

During the summer of 1880 Mr. Daniels was attacked by the "western fever," and took a prospecting trip through Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and Wyoming. He came back satisfied with Ohio, but still determined to launch out for himself in business. About this time Lorain began to attract attention by reason of the building of the brass works. Mr. Daniels came down from Oberlin one day to look the town over. What he saw must have pleased him, for he immediately resigned his position at Oberlin, and started the Bank of Lorain in the front room of a dwelling house owned and occupied by Mrs. Mary Reid. Owing to the great demand for business rooms at that time, this was the only location that could be obtained. The town grew and the bank prospered. In January, 1882, the First National Bank was organized with a capital of fifty thousand dollars as the successor of the Bank of Lorain. Mr. Daniels was offered the presidency of the new institution, but preferred the more active duties of the cashiership. The bank paid regular semi-annual dividends, and in March, 1893, divided an extra twelve per cent. dividend; and the First National Bank was then merged into the Citizens Savings Bank, with a subscribed capital of one hundred thousand dollars. The new bank started out with a surplus of twelve thousand five hundred dollars, which in the coming January will be increased to fourteen thousand dollars, notwithstanding the unprecedented panic of 1893.

Mr. Daniels has held different local offices among others that of city and township treasurer, councilman, water-works trustee, etc. It is needless to say he has filled all these positions with credit. He has always been much interested and a great deal of

the time an active participant in local public affairs. He has a pleasant home on the bank of Lake Erie a short distance west of Lorain. His family consists of a wife and three children: Irving L., Mabel E. and Ruth R. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels were both formerly members of the First Congregational Church of Oberlin, and latterly members of the Congregational Church of Lorain. Politically our subject is a Republican. [Extract from "Men we all know," Lorain *Herald*, December, 1893.

REV. JAMES BRAND, D. D., Oberlin, is a native of Canada, born February 26, 1834, at Three Rivers, a town on the St. Lawrence, in the Province of Quebec. He is a son of James and Jennette (Boyes) Brand, natives of Dumfries, Scotland, where they married, and whence they came to Canada shortly before the birth of our subject. The father was a school teacher and farmer, and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church; they died in Canada.

Our subject received a limited education in the public schools, Windsor, P. Q., and graduated from Phillipps Academy, Andover, Mass., after which, in 1861, he entered Yale College. His studies here were interrupted by a service in the Union army, he having enlisted in 1862, in the army of the Potomac, where he served under Burnside and Hooker and Mead, as color sergeant of the Twenty-seventh Connecticut Volunteers. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, in the first of which he was wounded in the shoulder. At the expiration of his term of service he continued his college studies at Yale, and in 1866 graduated A. B. He then entered the Theological Seminary at Andover, Mass., where for three years he studied theology, at the conclusion of which he became pastor of the Maple Street Congregational Church in Danvers, Mass. After four years labor in that field he came, in 1873, to Oberlin, and became successor to President Finney as pastor of the First Church. Mr. Brand received his degree of D. D. from Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa. He has published several books and pamphlets, all treating more or less on theological subjects, and has also written considerably for journals. To some extent he has lectured on the battle of Gettysburg. He has taken a prominent part in the Temperance Reform in Ohio; was a delegate to the International Council at London, England, where he delivered one of the addresses.

In 1871 Dr. Brand married Miss Juliette H. Tenney, of Troy, Ohio, and has a family of six children, as follows: Charles A., Edith B., Mary T., Helen C., James T. and Margret R.

HON. W. B. THOMPSON. In the front rank of the progressive and influential citizens of Lorain stands this gentleman, a leading attorney at law, and mayor of the city.

Mr. Thompson was born September 6, 1863, at Columbia, Lorain Co., Ohio, a son of S. B. and Emular (Osborne) Thompson, residents of Columbia. He attended school at Berea, Ohio, finally graduating from Baldwin University, class of 1885, taking the degree of Ph. B. He then, having decided on making the profession of law his life work, commenced its study with Judge Barber, of Cleveland, and completed same with prosecuting-attorney Webber, of Elyria. After a thorough delving into "Blackstone" and "Coke upon Lyttleton," our subject was admitted to the bar, December 6, 1888, and was associated in business in Elyria with his last preceptor, one year, when, seeing the great possibilities in store for Lorain, a fast growing town, he moved thither and opened an office for his own account. He

has succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations. As a cogent reasoner and jurist, he is marked for his ability, and as a pleader he has few equals among men of his age and experience. By his integrity and business capabilities he has won the confidence of the best business men of the community. In 1890 Mr. Thompson was elected mayor of Lorain, and is now filling his second term. During his incumbency as mayor have been made most of the great public improvements of the city, and in this he has always taken a leading part. During the year 1892 Lorain expended sixty thousand dollars on public sewers, and many other extensive improvements have been made.

In December, 1890, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage with Lulu Sanford, of Delaware, Ohio. He is a member of the F. & A. M., K. of P. and I. O. O. F.

SILAS D. WHITNEY, the oldest citizen of Pittsfield township, is a worthy member of a pioneer family of the county. He is a grandson of Asa Whitney, who in 1792 removed from Connecticut to the vicinity of Pittsfield, Mass., where he passed the remainder of his life, dying there in 1802. He was twice married, and among the children by his first wife was Asa, Jr., who afterward became the first man to agitate the idea of a railroad to the Pacific coast.

Milton Whitney, who was a son of Asa Whitney by his second wife, was born in 1786 in Salisbury, Conn., and moved with his parents to Massachusetts, where he was reared. He received a common-school education, learned the trade of blacksmith, and had wagons and plows made in his wagon shop. After the death of his father he resided with his mother until his marriage, in Pittsfield, Mass., with Miss Lydia Cleveland, who was born on the island of Martha's Vineyard, daughter of Zebdial Cleveland, an old sea captain. To this union came children, all of whom were born in Pittsfield, Mass., as follows: Asa W., a blacksmith by trade, who died in Pittsfield, Lorain Co., Ohio (he was in Lorain county when Pittsfield township was formed, it being No. 4, Range 18, Connecticut Western Reserve, and it was he who suggested that the township be called Pittsfield, after Pittsfield, Mass.); Chancey, who died young, the sharp point of an old-fashioned spinning-wheel having accidentally penetrated his skull; Clarissa, who married Hiram Humphrey, a presiding elder and minister in the M. E. Church, and died in Pittsfield, Ohio; Wealthy, who married J. L. Wadsworth, and died in Wellington, Ohio; Oliver W., deceased in Des Moines, Iowa; Silas D., who will receive mention farther on; Henry C., who owned a large tract of land in Colorado, where he died; and Frederick C., of Pittsfield Center. In 1820 Milton Whitney set out for Ohio, traveling by way of the Erie Canal as far as Buffalo, where he remained one week, waiting for the steamer (the only one on the lake) to take him to Cleveland, which was then a small village, containing but a few huts. He came by stage from Cleveland to South Amherst, and thence on foot to Pittsfield township, Lorain county, where he had some few years previously purchased a large tract of land, containing one thousand six hundred acres. He decided not to settle at that time, as the country was entirely wild, and there were but few white people in all of Lorain county. Returning to his home in Massachusetts, he remained there until 1833, when he sold his beautiful home for a good price, and in the fall of the year came with his wife to Lorain county, Ohio, where they decided to locate in Pittsfield township. Again returning to the East, they made preparations for migration, and on January 22, 1834, their two sons, Asa W. and Silas D., left Pittsfield, Mass., setting out

with two horses and two wagons for their new home, where they arrived in the latter part of February. The rest of the family followed shortly afterward. To Thomas and Jerry Wait Mr. Whitney gave one hundred acres, and to Chauncey and Henry Remington, also one hundred acres (fifty acres to each individual), all wild land in an unbroken wilderness in No. 4, on condition that they settle on the land, which they did. The Waits (both bachelors) settled here in 1821, being the first permanent settlers in Pittsfield township.

Milton Whitney was not physically a strong man, or robust, and he spent many seasons at Saratoga, N. Y., for the benefit of his health. He was an ardent member of the Democratic party, and served as postmaster during his residence in Pittsfield township, where he owned one thousand acres of land. He died in 1839, his wife in 1869, and they are both buried in the South cemetery, in Pittsfield township.

Silas D. Whitney was born March 3, 1820, in Pittsfield, Mass., where he received the greater part of his education, afterward attending the old log school houses of Pittsfield, Ohio, and finally one term in Wellington. He was reared to farm life, and remained at home until two years after his father's decease. On November 11, 1841, he was married to Miss Electa N. Parsons, who was born in 1824 in Hampshire county, Mass., daughter of Ebenezer and Electa (Naramore) Parsons, the latter of whom died when her daughter Electa was born; the father remained a widower ten years, when he remarried, and in 1835 he came to Pittsfield, Lorain Co., Ohio. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Whitney settled on the home farm, where they still reside, and here the following children have come to brighten their home: Arthur E., of St. Paul, Minn.; Ann Clarissa, a most beloved daughter, who died at the age of thirty-one; Alma E., wife of Charles E. Archer, of Massillon, Ohio; Abbie, wife of F. C. Williams, of Creston, Ohio; Agnes, who was married November 22, 1893, to Frank Coleman, of Nelson, Neb.; Frances, living at home; and Edmund M., superintendent of the F. C. Kimball Manufacturing Co., Cleveland. In politics Mr. Whitney was originally a Democrat, but subsequently became an Abolitionist, and he is now an active member of the Republican party. He is a member of the Baptist Church; his wife worships at the Congregational Church.

WILLIAM HAWKINS (deceased) was born July 2, 1804, in Newburgh, Orange Co., N. Y., a son of Samuel and Lydia (Van Camp) Hawkins, the latter of whom was born in the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, and was an eyewitness to some of the incidents connected with the massacre which took place in that historic vale.

William Hawkins was one of a family of eight children, of whom he was the last survivor. When he was nine years of age, his father died, and the young lad then went to make his home with Adam Welty, a farmer of Owasco township, Cayuga Co., N. Y., with whom he lived some time, during which he attended the common schools in winter and worked on a farm in summer. When seventeen years of age he commenced to learn the trade of blacksmith under one Holliday, whom in later years he always referred to as his "old boss," and after an apprenticeship of three years he commenced business for his own account in Owasco township. When he started he was absolutely penniless, as during his apprenticeship he received nothing but his board and clothes, although treated very kindly, and as one of the family. His foster-father went security for an outfit of tools, which enabled him to make a good start, and after a few years industrious application at his trade he paid off this indebtedness, his only one, and had

saved money. In 1830 he made a visit to Michigan (where he had a brother living), with the intention of remaining there, but being dissatisfied with the country, returned to New York State. In 1832 he came to Ohio, and locating in Erie county worked at his trade for a man named Tillinghurst at but meager wages. Two years after his arrival in the Buckeye State he bought 105½ acres on Lot 13, Tract 10, Camden township, Lorain county, at that time covered with an unbroken forest, and devoid of buildings of any kind. Here, in company with his brother Charles, he set to work to make a clearing for a home, and together they erected a substantial log house, at that time considered the best one in the township. Our subject also built a log blacksmith shop, and in connection with his farming operations followed his trade for thirty years, at the end of which time he retired from blacksmithing, and continued agriculture exclusively during the remainder of his active life. He died September 6, 1888, after a brief illness, and was laid to rest in Camden cemetery. He was a man of remarkable vitality, strong, robust constitution, and almost iron frame. He made a success in life, and from a start of positively nothing save a willing pair of hands accumulated a comfortable competence, and succeeded in securing and retaining the respect and esteem of his neighbors and many acquaintances. Politically he was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and in church matters he in an early day united with the Baptist Congregation at Camden Center.

On April 22, 1835, Mr. Hawkins was united in marriage with Miss Mary Abbott, a native of Otsego county, N. Y., born March 29, 1813, a daughter of Squire and Anna (Spafford) Abbott, of Massachusetts, where they lived till they were over twenty years of age. Mr. Abbott was a Baptist minister, and in pioneer days came from New York State to Ohio on horseback, being sent out as missionary from the Baptist board. In 1820 he located in Ashtabula county, and five years later came to Henrietta township, Lorain county, at that time part of Brownhelm township, where he died December 18, 1853, at the age of eighty-three years; his wife had preceded him to the grave in 1847, and they peacefully await the Resurrection Morn in Henrietta township cemetery. The record of the children—eight daughters and one son—is as follows: Eliza married Egbert Ingersoll, and died in 1886 at Camden Center; Hannah is the wife of J. B. Cook, of Elyria; Maria is residing at home; Vesta married Oscar Tanner, and died May 23, 1863, in Ruggles, Ashland county; Mary is the wife of L. A. Andrews, of Delphos, Ohio, a conductor on the P. A. W. Railway; Anna is married to Simeon Hales, of Henrietta, Ohio; Charles E. is farming on the home place in Camden township; Naomi is the wife of E. H. Wing, of Chicago, Ill.; Alice is the wife of Henry Hales, of Camden township. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Hawkins, now a hale and hearty lady, in the enjoyment of almost phenomenal health, has been making her home with her son Charles and daughter Maria on the old homestead, where well nigh sixty years of her honored life have already been passed.

SEYMOUR WESLEY BALDWIN, long a merchant in Elyria, was born in Meriden, Conn., June 29, 1807. He was, quite remarkably, only in the fourth generation from the first ancestor of the name, Richard Baldwin, who settled in Milford, Conn., in 1639. The family was a very respectable one in Buckinghamshire, England, prominent in Milford and rich in lands—which were divided and re-divided among the descendants, so that there was an unusual number of farmers of moderate wealth.

D. W. Baldwin

Such was Mr. Baldwin's father, Charles Baldwin, an early Methodist of the last century, who bought a large farm in Meriden, and died there in 1818 leaving a widow and seven children, of whom Seymour W. was the youngest. He went to district school winters, working at the farm summers, and was thought to have considerable education when he attended the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire for one winter. When seventeen, Seymour commenced business as a peddler, which mode of life was the common and almost only one open to enterprising and respectable young men; and many prominent citizens in after days commenced as "Connecticut peddlers." Many settled in that most profitable field, the South, as merchants, and many elsewhere. When, in 1847, Mr. Baldwin retired to Meriden, the ex-member of Congress residing there—both bank presidents, the ex-president of the N. H. & H. R. R. Co., and a large share of the other leading business men of the place, had made such a beginning. When all goods had to be carted overland, this was quite the natural mode of trade. The carriage of goods by railroad has nearly abolished this mode of trade, and vastly lowered its dignity. An entertaining study might be made of that business at that time. The field was on foot, or with horse and wagon in the New England States and Long Island, or with wagon in the South, and with regular routes and customers.

Seymour soon entered into partnership with his brother Jesse, under the firm name of J. & S. Baldwin, as a country merchant, in Oxford, Conn., then a more thriving village than at present. The business was general, and while at first one of the brothers peddled, they also employed other peddlers and manufactured silver spoons. Soon outgrowing Oxford, J. & S. Baldwin removed to Middletown, same State. The energy, ability and high character of the brothers had already become recognized in New York. That celebrated New York merchant and philanthropist, William E. Dodge, in his little book on Old New York published by Dodd, Mead & Co., in 1880, selected the two brothers and a comrade, who together entered his store with trunks, as typical samples of Connecticut merit and success. They all became prominent and valued customers and friends of Mr. Dodge. Mr. Dodge mentioned that Mr. Jesse Baldwin had then been a bank president for twenty years, and the third a large manufacturer. Mr. Dodge then spoke of the subject of this sketch at greater length and with much respect. Both brothers became in South Carolina and Georgia strong anti-slavery men—Jesse as a leading Abolitionist, while Seymour was a Whig, becoming an early Free-soiler. Possibly his wagons at Elyria may sometimes have traveled on the "Underground Railroad," for his works were always with his faith. In May, 1835, though the South was a more alluring field for money, Mr. Baldwin with his young wife and an infant son removed to Elyria. Here with a magnificent physical constitution he displayed great energy. Business was then so perfectly unlike business now, that a sketch of it may be interesting.

Elyria, the county town, was settled in 1817. The county was heavily timbered. It is easy to see that before the Erie Canal there must have been but little trade indeed. The pioneers must have lived by themselves—lives very simple and full of "hardship," and perhaps as happy as ours. In 1835 there was a general barter trade; there was very little money. The heavy timber was burned into ashes, and ashes, pot and pearl, were considered "cash," and went to Pittsburgh for glass and also to New York. Many salts went to Pittsburgh in the shape of scorchings or black salts, which was lye reduced to a black mass and then scorched in ovens. From 1838 much white oak and many staves went to Black River, thence by sail to Buffalo, thence by canal to New York. There could

hardly have been any eastern trade without these commodities. The dry goods and groceries were bought in New York. They came by canal to Buffalo, thence by boat or sail to Cleveland, or more commonly Black River. No goods came through in the winter, and such replenishing, if any, as took place, came by Pittsburgh to Cleveland, being hauled from Baltimore and Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. Hauling was a business of considerable extent, and one spring Mr. Baldwin met east of Pittsburgh within ten miles as many as fifty wagons. After a while some goods were bought of the firm of Hilliard & Hayes, in Cleveland. In the early spring goods were hauled from Buffalo west (before that harbor was opened) to Silver Creek or elsewhere, to meet the boats, and Mr. D. B. Andrews, formerly partner of Mr. Baldwin, going down on a steamer, was compelled to land in Canada, caught cold, and died in Buffalo.

The cheapest goods were then in demand. There were no ingrain carpets kept in Elyria until about 1845. Ingrain carpets, nice shawls and dresses, were bought on special orders. Mr. Baldwin was at first in company with Mr. Orrin Cowles, from Meriden. They separated, and he bought out (for the sake of the corner stand) Wilcox & Beebe, successors of the Lorain Iron Company. That store long remained with Mr. Baldwin's sign "Old New York Store."

Then commenced the very energetic competition which made Elyria noted for trade. Mr. H. K. Kendall, a merchant of great ability, then had the leading business. He was first on the ground, and there had been great falls in prices of which he had the credit. A merchant's life was laborious. Mr. Baldwin used to go by stage before navigation opened on the lake—sometimes by way of Buffalo and sometimes by way of Pittsburgh—to New York and Philadelphia. It was a great thing to get the first goods in the spring, and he studied the matter carefully, spending several days in Albany. He loaded the canal boats in New York (being careful to have the boats filled with his own goods only), and early went to Albany before the canal was opened. There boats had a right to go in order of registry. For several years he offered prizes for being among the first ten boats at Buffalo, but there was danger of being too early; as, if unloaded at Buffalo in warehouse, the lake boats would take fresh canal boats rather than from the warehouse, thereby saving one loading. At the first decided triumph, when his rival had advertised the first goods, Mr. Baldwin passed those first goods safely stored at Buffalo, saw his own loaded in boat, got the boat to land at Black River, and accompanied the goods to Elyria long before his rival's arrived. Such single incidents seem small, but it was the many such struggles that made Elyria the center of trade for from fifteen to twenty miles east and west, and twenty-five miles south. The system of ready cash (there was but little) or barter was introduced, and this lowered prices. Elyria in those days was a sight to see. The farmer came over the mud road with his heavy wagon, frequently with oxen, for twenty-five miles, bringing part of his family and such articles as he had to sell, and doing the trading for the spring and fall. The street at midday would be full of wagons, there being often one hundred, more or less. Other merchants were crowded out, but both the chief competitors went safely through the hard times of 1837 to 1840. In the spring of 1837 both had to ask some extension, Mr. Baldwin asking only leave to extend their debts for some friends; but aside from this, in a business life of over sixty years, Mr. Baldwin has never been obliged to ask a favor of a creditor. It is difficult even for one who experienced it to see how business could have been conducted—with the frightful state of money and difficult transportation. The farmers brought butter (and very poor it was in those days), feathers, oats, wheat, in fact everything

they had, and the merchants bought almost everything but live beef. The butter went to New York, and the wheat was floured at the local mills. But the farmers brought little money. Some cash came in with emigrants. When the farmers could exchange a pound of butter for a pound of sugar there was rejoicing. In 1836 there was a general suspension of banks, and there was no resumption until 1840. There was "Michigan Wild Cat" paper, the worst currency imaginable, everybody fearing it. Mr. Baldwin once having flour to sell on commission—the currency being left to him—the farmers seemed to be very glad to get anything for such currency; and when Mr. Baldwin announced that he would charge a dollar more for currency than for barter, the currency came in only the faster. Produce was generally taken as cash, and sold again at home without profit. It was very difficult for the farmers to get enough money to pay taxes, and Mr. Baldwin earned the lasting gratitude of one farmer by giving him two dollars hard money at the current price for butter.

At a later date the firm at Elyria sold at times from one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to two hundred thousand dollars, and a branch at Wellington two-thirds as much. A large share was paid in produce, the firm at Elyria handling from fifty thousand dollars to sixty thousand dollars worth of butter in a year. The firm employed at one time about forty clerks. The rivalry at Elyria was famous, and a retired New York merchant once said to the writer that, as a country store, Mr. Baldwin's was as remarkable in its way as that of Mr. Stewart's in New York City. Railroads largely revolutionized the trade. Mr. Baldwin never tried to make large profits, and never lost money except one year (about 1840), the year the banks were required to resume in Ohio. He paid a Cleveland bank that announced the intention to resume thirteen per cent. premium in its own bills for a draft on New York ten days before the appointed time. The draft was paid, the bank did not resume. At that time merchants refused to sell at any price for the currency of the country. *That* generation needed no more lessons as to the value of safe currency.

Mr. Baldwin has been a man of very unusual poise of character. With such a business, which by its economy of labor and low profits has done the farmers of Lorain a very large amount of saving, he has not himself cared for wealth. Always fairly economical—never ostentatious—he on coming to Elyria resolved that when he had acquired a moderate fixed sum he would retire. In 1847, in accordance with that resolve, he returned to Meriden, though it is doubtful if he would have been willing to quit unless he had become the leader. But he could not let business alone. He started there a ready-pay store, and became the president of the Home (now Home National) Bank, which post he resigned on his return to Elyria. He was also a member of the banking firm of Wicks, Otis & Brownell, of Cleveland. He became acquainted with the senior member of the firm, William A. Otis, while waiting at Albany to see the goods through. In 1856 he returned to Elyria, and until his death had a small interest in the business at Elyria and at Wellington. Losses invited his return, but he had no ambition for business in large places—having declined in 1847 an invitation to partnership in the leading house in Cleveland, and at other times favorable invitations to New York. His energy and business judgment would have made large wealth in larger places, but Mr. Baldwin had such mastery of life that he cared not for it.

In 1870 Mr. Baldwin went abroad for travel, and after that he was not active in his business. In 1874 he had so severe an attack of pneumonia that it was thought to be impossible for him to live, and his death was reported; but a vigorous constitution and pure life carried him through, and he lived until the fourth day of February, 1891. He continued active in his care of an

invalid wife until her death in 1886; in his garden; in slight attention to the business of the bank, of which he was many years director; or in other private business. He was always an intelligent reader, having especially a taste for history.

Mr. Baldwin was also much interested in securing, before he died, the building of a new church, donating the lot and in other ways helping much. He gave the plans and the building much thought and time. He was a man of sturdy independence of character, with a frank toleration for the opinions of others, which steadily increased with his advancing years. An interchange of thought became a pleasure, for his interlocutor was sure of a fair hearing, however diverse might be their views. His public spirit was evidenced by the deep interest he always took in the success of the many young men with whom he was associated. Said Dr. Hoyt at his funeral: "Coming as Mr. Baldwin did from Puritan stock, he early inherited some of its marked peculiarities. He had an intense antipathy at all times to whatever he regarded as meanness, to ingratitude and to every form and manifestation of injustice. He prized personal, political and religious freedom, and he sought in every way as he had opportunity to protect the helpless and the oppressed, and to guard against the encroachment of power."

Mr. Baldwin was always much interested in what he regarded as the best interests of Elyria in political or business matters, and in early days, when railroading was a problem, was a director in the Junction Railroad—built through Elyria and now a part of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. He attributed his business success to rigid adherence to principles of which the chief were to always promptly fulfill his obligations, of whatever nature, and to keep his business always within his control. It may fairly be said of him, however, that his life has been governed by a rare judgment and moderate ambition.

Mr. Baldwin was twice married, first to Mary Candee, of Oxford, Conn., who died in Elyria September 23, 1836, leaving two children both under two years of age. For his second wife he married Fidelia Hall, of Meriden, Conn., who survived until 1886. He had four sons—by the first wife: Charles Candee Baldwin, of Cleveland, and David Candee Baldwin, of Elyria; by the second wife: John Hall Baldwin, a manufacturer, of New York City, and Arthur Rice, a resident of Atlanta, Georgia.

CHARLES CANDEE BALDWIN was born December 2, 1834, in Middletown, Conn., a son of Seymour W. and Mary (Candee) Baldwin.

In May, 1835, the family moved to Elyria, Ohio, making a considerable part of their journey by boat on the Erie Canal, where it is reported that the young traveler made his presence effectively known by the vigorous use of his then lusty voice. In 1836 his mother died, too early for his remembrance. In time her tender care was supplied by a stepmother, of whom it is said in the Baldwin Genealogy that she was as good a stepmother as ever lived. As illustrating the changes which have taken place in Lorain county, where his childhood was spent, and which has always been his pride, it is related, among the experiences of his early childhood, that when two years old he was lost in the woods where the Elyria depot now stands.

In 1847 the family returned to Connecticut, residing in Meriden until 1856, when they again came to Elyria. Meantime, on August 1, 1855, Charles had graduated with honor from the Wesleyan University, Middletown, and same month entered the Harvard Law School, where, in 1857, he took the degree of LL. B. In the autumn

of the same year he was admitted to the bar at Cleveland, Ohio, and entered the office of S. B. and F. J. Prentiss. In 1861, on the election of F. J. Prentiss to the office of county clerk, Mr. Baldwin entered into partnership with S. B. Prentiss, under the firm name of S. B. Prentiss & Baldwin. In 1869, upon the election of S. B. Prentiss to the bench, the firm of Prentiss, Baldwin & Ford was formed, which in 1878 was changed to Baldwin & Ford.

By too close attention to business Mr. Baldwin's health became so much impaired in 1870, that he spent some time in Europe for recuperation, which, however, was but partial; so that for some years subsequent he gave less attention than formerly to his law business, in order to secure more outdoor exercise. From 1875 to 1878 he was president of the Cleveland Board of Underwriters. He has been director of four banks, and has been twice offered the presidency of a leading bank in Cleveland. His rare capacity and sterling integrity have brought into his hands from the first a business, unusually important in its character and responsibility, largely relating to corporations and banking. A most important case—that of Brown, Bonnell & Company, the great iron manufacturers of Youngstown—was argued by him, by brief and orally, several times in the Supreme Court of the United Stated, involving the very successful issue of a million and a half of dollars.

In 1884, on the organization of the circuit court, under the change in the constitution of Ohio, Mr. Baldwin was unanimously presented by his county as their candidate. Of the 160 votes cast at the convention in Elyria Mr. Baldwin received 142; the next highest candidate nominated received but 105. He has since been reëlected, and is now (1894) the presiding judge of that court. Mr. Baldwin has been untiring in his attention to the duties of his office, though it has been impossible for him to relieve himself from finishing in the United States Courts a large amount of professional business of a high order. So well founded have been the most of his judicial decisions, that it is exceedingly rare for one to be reversed by the higher courts. Though a man of specially tender susceptibilities, he has shown himself, to a remarkable degree, able to rise above his sympathies in defining the exact equities of the law. In one notable case, where the death of a beautiful little girl had been caused by a railroad train, though his feelings were so overcome that he completely broke down in giving his decision, yet it was clear that he did not suffer his sympathies to warp his sense of legal equity.

The inherent activity of Judge Baldwin's nature, and the liberal education with which he began his professional career, joined to natural tastes in that direction, have led him to do a large amount of effective work in promoting the general interests of science, education and culture, both in Ohio and in the country at large. Especially effective has been his work in lines of historical and archæological research.

In 1866, while a vice-president of the Cleveland Library Association (now Case Library), Mr. Baldwin planned the Western Reserve Historical Society, which was first formed as a branch of the Case Library Association; but in 1892 was organized under a separate charter. Upon the death of Colonel Whittlesey, in 1886, Mr. Baldwin was chosen his successor as president of the Society. Through his personal solicitations in 1892, sixty thousand dollars were raised to complete the purchase and remodelling of the fireproof building, upon the Public Square, in which the valuable historical library and archæological museum of the Society are now stored. Mr. Baldwin's taste for history has been active, and in 1881 he published the "Baldwin Genealogy;" in 1882–83 the "Candee and Allied Families," and later the "Baldwin Supplement." There have also been

published from his pen some twenty-five addresses and magazine articles, among them Early Maps of Ohio and the West (the one on Indian Migrations being adopted with little change in Windsor's "Critical History of America"); an address at Youngstown on "The Geographical History of Ohio;" at Norwalk, on "Man in Ohio;" at Oberlin, on "Columbus;" and at Mansfield, on "Early Indian Migration in Ohio;" and a review of the "Margry Papers," published in Paris in the French language. He has been elected *causa honoris* a member of nine State or other historical societies, and in 1891 a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Prof. G. F. Wright is free to say that but for the recognition and aid of Judge Baldwin, his own work in glacial antiquities would have come to an end with the survey of Pennsylvania, and that it was largely through the advice and encouragement of Judge Baldwin that he was led to venture upon the publication of so elaborate and highly illustrated a work as his "Ice Age in North America." For portions of several seasons Judge Baldwin has been in the field with Professor Wright in prosecuting glacial investigations.

In 1892 Mr. Baldwin received the degree of Doctor of Laws from his Alma Mater. Among the many who united in nominating him for this honor was David J. Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, who sent the following letter:

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.
WASHINGTON.

April 6, 1892.

TO THE FACULTY OF WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

GENTLEMEN:—

Permit me to join with others in recommending the granting of an honorary LL. D. to Judge Charles C. Baldwin, of Cleveland, Ohio: I have known Judge Baldwin ever since college days. He is now the presiding judge of the Court of Appeals in Northern Ohio, and has a high rank as a lawyer and judge. He is a gentleman of high character, and especially loved and honored in the State in which he has made his home during his active life. He has won quite a name, too, outside of the law, by his researches into the early history of his State, both before and since its settlement by the whites. He is eminently worthy of any honor the University can confer upon him, and certainly a host of friends will be gratified by hearing that he has received an LL. D. from his Alma Mater.

Yours very truly,
DAVID J. BREWER.

DAVID CANDEE BALDWIN was born in Elyria, Ohio, September 23, 1836. He was son of Seymour W. and Mary (Candee) Baldwin, the latter of whom was a daughter of David and Hannah (Catlin) Candee, of Oxford, Conn. The Candees were French Huguenots.

The Catlins had among their ancestors Capt. Joseph Wadsworth, who hid the Connecticut Charter in the Charter Oak, and Matthew and John Allyn, two of the grantees named in that same Charter. John Allyn was for thirty years secretary of Connecticut, and during some of the time was practical governor, the then Connecticut constitution requiring a change of governor every year; but the secretary of State was more constant. The father of Mrs. Heman Ely, Thomas Day, was for twenty-five years secretary of the same Commonwealth.

Hannah Catlin had also among her ancestors William Pynchon, the treasurer of the Massachusetts Colony before the emigration, a member of the council, the founder of Springfield, and high in influence until he wrote a Unitarian book, one hundred and fifty years too soon. The book was burned on Boston Common, and Mr. Pynchon returned to England, where he could enjoy religious liberty—"fearing," says Judge Savage, "that he would be treated as was his book." The State of Massachusetts at the Chicago Exposition exhibited in its State Building most conspicuously his portrait. Mr. Pynchon is the hero of Holland's "Bay Path."

When Mr. Baldwin was but five days old his mother died, and his father was

left with the care of two infants, for the older son was not yet two years old. David was at first cared for by Mrs. Sarah Goodwin, who had a son of the same age. Seymour W. Baldwin's second wife, Fidelia Hall, as gentle and conscientious as any mother could be, came into the care of these two small children. She survived until 1886, in Elyria, having two children of her own. She was many years in ill health, a feeble, tender woman, strong in her past life, and in her character. Her own children were far away, one in Minnesota and one in New York City, and no own son could have been more attentive, thoughtful and kind than was the stepson who lost his own mother when five days old. She should certainly have loved him as tenderly as if he was her own, and she did.

When our subject was ten years old his father revisited his old home in Connecticut, returning to Elyria in 1856. David was educated at the best schools to be found, first in Meriden with Hon. David N. Camp, afterward distinguished in Connecticut, and Hon. H. D. Smith, also a leader; next with D. H. Chase, LL. D., of Middletown, all still living and all honored. He closed his education at Wilbraham Academy under Dr. Raymond, now president of the University at Middletown.

His father had high hopes of his practical business qualities, and he went at once into a store at Meriden, in which his father was partner. On the return to Elyria he went into the store there of Baldwin, Laundon & Nelson. Through his father he had an interest in the business, and he contributed in a large degree to the eminent success of the firm, the business of which is described in the sketch of S. W. Baldwin. His excellent sense and judgment, his easy tact, graceful manners and strict and high integrity made him an excellent salesman and an early favorite with the public. On the reorganization of that firm in 1872, it became D. C. Baldwin & Company, composed of his father, himself and Mr. John Lersch, he having principal charge of the very large business of the firm. The then leading wholesale merchant of Cleveland once said to the writer that no better merchant entered his store than Mr. Baldwin. In time the firm became Baldwin, Lersch & Co., composed of the same partners, and later by the death of Mr. S. W. Baldwin, Mr. Lersch taking gradually a more responsible part in accordance with his own and the wishes of David. Mr. Baldwin has a fine skill and judgment in mechanics, and it is easy to see that with his business ability, if he had remained in Meriden, he would probably have engaged in manufacturing, as was indeed his first taste, and he would have become eminent. He has an excellent library, which is especially rich in archæology—a science which at the present time, especially, needs good judgment, and his opinions are much respected. He gave some months and considerable expense to the exhibit of Man and the Glacial period under the name of Prof. G. F. Wright and himself in the Anthropological Building at the Columbian Exposition. He has been very generous to the Western Reserve Historical Society of Cleveland, of which his brother is president, having aided handsomely in the purchase of its building, and still more handsomely in the objects of the Society. The D. C. Baldwin Collection was the first extensive collection of archæology donated to the Society, and it is probably unexcelled by any collection of the same size in the United States.

On the reorganization of that very successful Society in 1892, Mr. Baldwin was one of its incorporators; he is also a patron and an honored adviser. With no wish for wealth for its own sake, and with more than means to gratify his wants, no one person knows his generosity. Whether as lieutenant in the Civil war, or bank director or holding other office, he has simply taken what was in the plain line of duty, with no shrinking from care, but with no desire

for place beside. He has well in his heart the idea of the Moravian prayer—"Preserve us from the unhappy desire of becoming great."

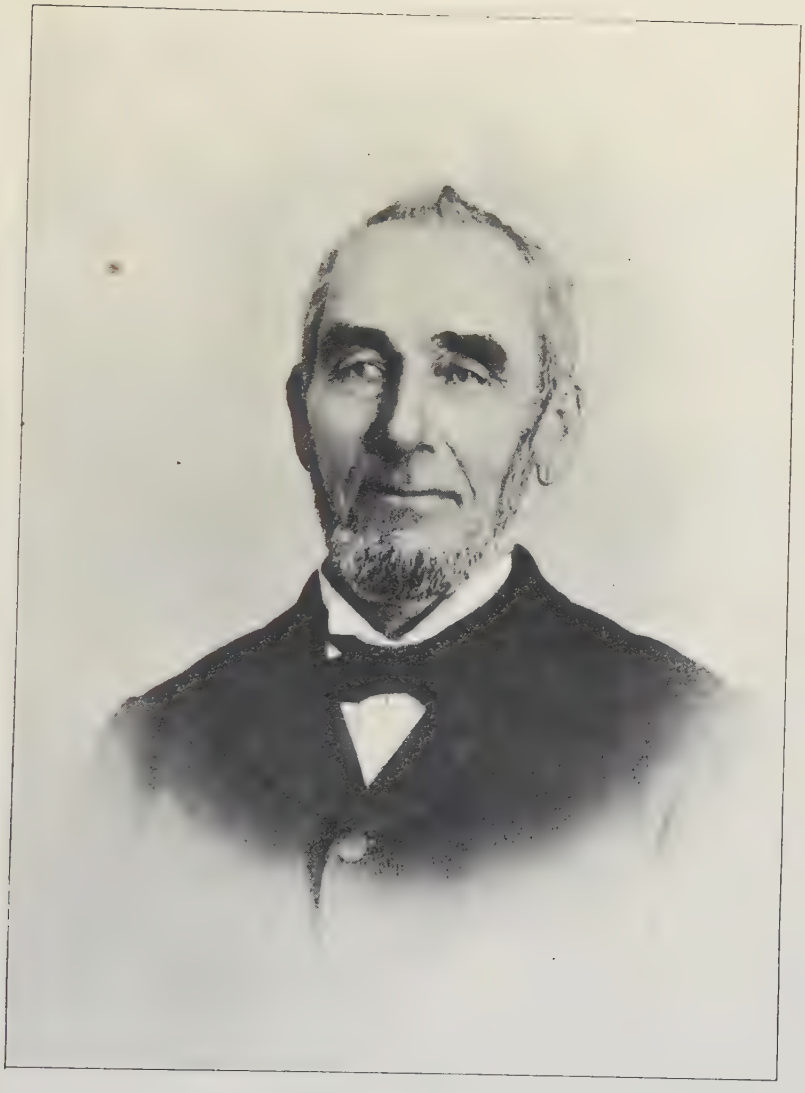
Not long since a gentleman, who has been most intimately associated with a public man of distinguished and constant success, told the writer that in the plenitude of his distinction, this man said: "My life has been a failure." Who can say that, when his success is his character?

Mr. Baldwin married, May 1, 1878, Miss Josephine Staub, daughter of Rev. Henry Staub, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She is a person of fine education, with a very active mind and much intellectual strength. They are both addicted to reading (which brings the best of company of this and other ages) and to travel. They have journeyed abroad thrice, as well as extensively in this country. Mr. Baldwin's life has been quite without such incident as is usually mentioned in a biography. He did not adventure himself as a pioneer in a new country, or start business in a new place, or hold conspicuous office. To those who know him it is evident he would have been successful in any line of life he chose, as he has been in that he has chosen. He has been a prominent citizen, and especially a leader in such good deeds as need sympathy, active work and a benevolent contribution. Few men have that even poise of character that they are not carried away by the world, by the desire of wealth, of power or of political position. Mr. Baldwin's distinction is, as was his father's before him, his character—successful in everything he has ever tried, of ample fortune, but not desiring large wealth, declining the prospect of prominent station whenever offered; well educated by schooling, reading, by travel and by experience; well married, happy in society, in his own home and abroad; hospitable, thoroughly appreciated by all who know him; intelligent, with tact and generosity; having a most charming home, with such reasonable hobbies as occupy his mind; happily contented, independent in his own pursuits, and able to gratify every wish of himself or his appreciative wife—who can but feel that that is a life to be envied, and who in the county will not think that, if any one deserves it, "Dave Baldwin" does?

RICHARD BAKER. The subject of this sketch was born at Harpole, near Northampton, England, February 8, 1818. His ancestors were Freeholders—yeomen, owners and occupiers of land for many generations, both on his father's and mother's side.

Up to twelve years of age our subject was kept closely to the country school, and was then sent to a first-class boarding-school, one of the leading business educational institutions of that day. At the age of sixteen years he left school, and assisted his father in the management of "Spratton Grange Farm," which he occupied for many years. From a young boy he was very fond of live-stock, especially cattle, and his father being a large breeder and feeder, he had great advantages, becoming an expert in judging, managing and handling cattle.

While yet in his minority young Richard succeeded in gathering and establishing a herd of Shorthorns, that in after years was successful in the show-ring. He has been an admirer of Shorthorns all his life, but never entertained any prejudice against other useful breeds. Having in those early years handled so many Hereford, Aberdeen, Sussex and Norfolk grades, he knew their good qualities, and has ever been ready to acknowledge their merits. He has been called upon to serve as "Expert Judge" on the "Beef Breeds" of cattle at several different States, and many other large, exhibitions, his decisions being generally satisfactory.



Richard V. Baker.

In 1852 Mr. Baker, accompanied by his wife and family of eight children, immigrated to this country, settling in Lorain county, where he has since been engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1856 he commenced breeding Shorthorns, and in 1871 he purchased the "Cliff Grange Farm" of 200 acres, near Elyria.

The subject of this sketch was married, in England, to Sarah, sixth daughter of Jeremiah and Martha Gaudern, of Cottesbrook, Northamptonshire, England. Mr. Gaudern was a large grazier and feeder of cattle; his wife, Martha, the mother of Mrs. Baker, was a Miss Eaton, of same county; her ancestors had been prominent agriculturists for many generations. Several of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Baker died in their infancy, and two sons and one daughter—George Edward, Sarah Ann and Alfred M.—passed away in maturer years. Alfred M. died at Fort Collins, Colo., May 18, 1893. In 1874 he went out to Colorado, purchased 160 acres of land, improved it, and made himself a pleasant and substantial home, including a good brick house and all necessary outbuildings. In 1881 he married Ada, daughter of John Richardson, of Norwalk, Huron Co., Ohio. He added to his farm, and at the time of his death owned 400 acres of land, well stocked, together with other property. He left a loving wife and a daughter, Edna. In 1890 he had "La Grippe," which never quite left him, and at the above date died of quick consumption. Gordon W., the eldest son of Richard Baker, is in business in Elyria. He married Charlotte Alice, the fourth daughter of William Linnell, a farmer, of Sulby, Northamptonshire, England; has two daughters: Alice Maud Mary and Annie Louise. Fred Richard is at Fort Collins, Colo., where he has a large farm, which he rents to a good farmer, and lives in the city. He is a director of the First National Bank, and was county commissioner one term. He was a member (from Lorain county) of the "Union Light Guards," composed of young men, one from each county in Ohio, sent to Washington by Gov. Tod, of Ohio, as an escort to President Lincoln during the war of the Rebellion. In 1876 he was married to Elnora, daughter of Mr. James Jackson, of Amherst, Lorain Co., Ohio, and their only son, Edward Richard, is the only grandson to bear the name of this branch of the Baker family. The youngest living daughter, Lizzie C., is at home, having the whole care of the household, her mother having been an invalid for several years past.

Mr. Baker has held several offices. In 1858 he was elected a director of Lorain County Agricultural Society, and was its president at different times up to 1883. In 1860 he started a county "Farmers Club," which was in useful existence for many years. He wrote up the History of the County Agricultural Society, published by Williams in 1879. In 1888 he was appointed County Centennial Commissioner, and also elected president of the County Centennial Association. In 1879 he was elected a member of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture; re-elected in 1881; elected president of the Board in 1882; participated in establishing the "new work" of the Board; the system of gathering crop reports; analyzation of fertilizers; strongly advocated the Ohio farmers "County Institutes"; opposed premiums on wines at the State Fair. He was a delegate to the convention of agricultural and college boards, at Washington, called by Commissioner Loring in 1882; read a paper at that meeting on "Best Breeds of Cattle for Farmers of the Western States," which elicited lengthy discussion; was appointed one of a committee of five, at that convention, to urge upon Congress the necessity and importance of the "Hatch Bill." He assisted in organizing the Lorain County Farmers Institute, and was its first president; has prepared many papers and read them at the Institute meetings; is secretary of this organization at the present time (1894). In 1862 he was ap-

pointed by the first commissioner of Agriculture (Newton) as principal correspondent and reporter of condition of crops and farm stock for Lorain county, Ohio, and has held that office up to the present time, under Secretaries Coleman and Rusk and the present secretary, Morton. He has a complete set of the Annual Reports of the Department of Agriculture.

The following is taken from the *Ohio Farmer:* "Mr. Baker became acquainted with Thomas Brown of the *Farmer* in 1853, and has been a subscriber, reader and occasional contributor ever since. He has always been a firm friend to this journal, and has done some noble work for it. His first communication to it was on the importance of 'Farmers Clubs.' He is a thorough American in thought and principle, has done his duty wherever it has been made known, honestly, conscientiously and fearlessly. Mr. Baker was one of the men who earnestly advocated the Board of Agriculture owning its own grounds for State Fair purposes, and for some time stood alone in this position; but he has lived to see his plan carried into successful completion. All honor to the pioneers of progressive Agriculture in Ohio." He has been a true friend to the farmers not only of Lorain county, but of the entire State, never grudging his time, and he has been the leading spirit of the Agricultural Society.

In politics the subject of this sketch has been a thorough Republican, from the organization of that party, and most heartily endorses the McKinley protective Bill.

His father was the fourth son of George Baker, a large farmer of Harpole, Northamptonshire. His mother was third daughter of Thomas Marriot, Floore, same county. George Baker was the second son of John Baker, who was a son of William Baker, all large farmers. A nephew of George Baker was a noted writer of his day. He published the "History of Northamptonshire." [George Washington's ancestors were from that county.] He possessed the most complete library in the county. The Baker and Marriot families are Saxon on both sides, all along the line. They have been "Freeholders," and always eligible to vote for member of the House of Commons.

D. S. CUMMINGS (deceased) was a son of Archibald Cummings, who was born in Billingscake, County Down, Ireland, in March, 1781.

Archibald Cummings came to America in 1791, and remained in New York State until 1834, in which year he came to Sullivan (then in Lorain, now in Ashland county), Ohio. In 1813 he married Elizabeth Anderson, and ten children were born to them, as follows: (1) Sarah Ann, married Rev. Joel Talcott, who died in 1871; Sarah Ann died in 1891. (2) John P., deceased in 1868. (3) D. S., subject of sketch, died April 3, 1881. (4) Thomas S., deceased October 19, 1893, in Overton county, Tenn. (5) Elizabeth, married to Dr. William Stilson, who died in Clyde, Ohio; Elizabeth is now living in Kansas. (6) Margaret, deceased in 1856. (7) Harriet, deceased in 1873. (8) James Anderson, who lives in Milan, Ohio, and has three children. (9) Archibald, who died in St. Louis, Mo., in 1856. (10) Andrew, married, and residing in Missouri.

D. S. Cummings was reared to agricultural pursuits, and educated at the subscription schools of the period. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age, at which time he came to Rochester township, Lorain county, where he hired out to C. W. Conaut. After his marriage in 1844 Mr. Cummings rented land for two years, at the expiration of which time, by assiduous industry and judicious thrift, he was enabled to purchase one hundred acres of land in Roch-

ester township at eight dollars per acre, paying cash for one-fourth of the amount, and giving notes for the balance. This was all uncleared land, with the exception of about fifteen acres, which could be called tillable. In about six years from that time seven acres were added, making a total of 107 acres, which is now the homestead of his widow, all being accumulated by their joint efforts.

On April 13, 1844, Mr. Cummings was married, in Sullivan (then Lorain, now Ashland county), to Miss Elizabeth Close, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Gale) Close, who were the parents of sixteen children, as follows: Miranda, Alonson, Deborah Ann, one that died in infancy, Alvira, Nathaniel, Rebecca, Amy, Elizabeth, Samuel, Lockwood, Sarah, Diana, Annis, Lucy and Reuben.

Benjamin Close was born in Greenwich, Conn., a son of Benjamin Close, Sr., who was of Scotch descent, and was wounded in the Revolutionary war. These two, father and son, when the latter was about ten years old, moved to Genoa, N. Y. When grown to manhood, Benjamin, Jr., with his wife and two children, and accompanied by his elder brother, Henry, started for Ohio in June, 1817. He left his family in Painesville, and along with Henry came on to Sullivan township, then in Medina county, afterward in Lorain, now in Ashland. Of an old acquaintance living in Harrisville, thirteen miles from Sullivan, Mr. Close borrowed some corn and potatoes, and he had not a dollar to pay on his land, even his last tavern bill having to be settled in cloth Mrs. Close had made before leaving Genoa. They built the first house of logs in Sullivan township, and cut their road through the dense forest, as they moved onward with their ox-team from Harrisville to Sullivan. As soon as Mr. Close could clear a piece of land, he planted some apple seeds, thus starting an orchard, and until fruit was gathered from it the family, from the time they came into the township, eat only two apples. For tea, medicine, etc., he had to go on foot to Elyria, twenty-five miles north, there being no road for oxen, and at that time he had no horse. On one occasion he lost his way, coming homeward, it being so cloudy he could not see the sun, and his compass he had left behind. After wandering about some time, he struck a small stream which proved to be a tributary of Black river, in what is now Rochester township, then uninhabited save by roving Indians and wild animals. On the bank of this stream he spied a wolf watching him, and then our adventurer wished he had brought his gun; but his faithful dog, that had accompanied him, "tackled" the brute, and after a desperate struggle got him by the throat, which so weakened the wolf that Mr. Close was able to give him a blow on the back with a hickory club he had cut for the purpose, and the dog then easily finished him. Mr. Close reached home at last, but not before darkness had set in.

Mr. Close succeeded eventually in paying for 200 acres of land. The home was a regular manufacturing establishment; for there was tailoring, dressmaking, millinery work and shoemaking going on nearly all the time. Wool was spun and woven, and the cloth colored, all at home; yet with all this work the family found time to close their labor on Saturday night, ready for rest on the Sabbath—sweet rest, indeed! The family library consisted of Bible, Catechism, "History of Henry Obookiah," "Life of God in the Soul of Man" (the latter volume published in England in 1620) and the "Missionary Herald," published in the interest of the missions in the Sandwich Islands. This pioneer home was always open to ministers and school teachers, of whom those in the neighborhood had much to do with the education of the large family growing to manhood and womanhood. Mr. Close was protected through many dangers by a kind Providence; at last, on August 10, 1852, when at the age of sixty-four years, he was driving a span of young horses that took fright

and ran away, throwing him from the wagon and killing him, when but a short distance from his home. His widow died in 1868.

D. S. Cummings died April 3, 1881, leaving a widow but no children, as the three born to them died young, namely: Francis E., died when five years and eight months old; one died in infancy, unnamed; and Wallace A. died at the age of five years. Mr. Cummings in his political sympathies was a Whig, afterward a Republican, and he was repeatedly called upon to fill offices of trust in his township, which he did with characteristic fidelity and acknowledged ability. In Church work he was very energetic and helpful, was a deacon in the Congregational Church many years, and took particular interest in educational work. His highly respected widow is regarded in the community as a woman of high morality, and is admired for her many virtues. At the present time she is living on the old homestead with an adopted son.

In 1848 there was a long and tedious lawsuit commenced by some Connecticut people against the farmers in the section where Mr. Cummings had settled. It appears that this tract of land was many years ago ceded to Ohio by some Connecticut people who afterward claimed to have never signed away their right and title to it. The suit was finally decided in favor of the farmers (of whom Mr. Cummings was one), but the cost of contesting it was about equivalent to paying for the land twice over, and fell the more heavily on the occupants, as the soil, being new, was yielding but a very small revenue.

In the fall of 1843 the women of Rochester formed a Temperance Society, as they found liquor was being sold in the town, doing an inestimable amount of harm. The leaders among the women were Mrs. H. M. Tracy (afterward Mrs. Cutler), now living in California, and Mrs. Mary Bell, now living in Kansas. They appointed the following named as a committee to talk to the party selling the liquor: Mrs. Orpha Conant, Mrs. Humiston and Mrs. Lucretia Stevens. The liquor dealer promised to stop the sale, but nevertheless continued the traffic, though more cautiously, and the women then took the case before the county court, where the man was fined ten dollars and costs. In 1844 Mrs. Tracy edited a paper called *The Palladium*, the temperance meetings being continued, and this lady also delivered some good temperance lectures. Some of the *best* citizens came with their wives to hear her, and soon afterward she was invited to deliver the lectures in public. Thus meetings continued for two or three years. Mrs. Tracy left the town, however, for more extended work, and Miss Anvilla Humiston then edited *The Palladium*, and Mrs. Eliza Conant became president. Later Miss Humiston also left town for another field of usefulness, after which Mrs. E. C. Cummings edited *The Palladium*. The meetings still continued till public sentiment was sufficiently aroused to induce those *best* men to encourage the women in the good work. The liquor element succumbed, and as a natural result the morals and status of the community greatly improved. As far as known, this was the first Woman's Temperance Society formed in the State of Ohio.

JOHN I. MASTEN (deceased), who in his lifetime was one of the most industrious and deservedly successful agriculturists of Rochester township, was a native of New York State, born March 8, 1812, in Dutchess county, a son of James Masten.

Our subject received a liberal education, for his early time, at the subscription schools of the vicinity of his native place. He was reared to farm work, and being a natural mechanic was capable of following the trades of turner and shoemaker. On

October 7, 1835, he was united in marriage with Miss Rosalia Loomis, who was born August 17, 1813, in the town of Steuben, Oneida Co., N. Y., daughter of Martin and Laura (Blanchard) Loomis. In the following spring the young couple came to Ohio, via canal and lake to Cleveland, thence by wagon to Rochester township, Lorain county. Mr. Masten, the previous winter, had visited this locality, and purchased a piece of timber-covered land in Rochester township, where wild animals—such as deer, turkeys, hogs, etc.—were almost as "plentiful as blackberries." This farm, comprising fifty acres of primeval forest, he paid four dollars and fifty cents per acre for, and the first dwelling of these honored pioneers was of a most primitive description—the floor being made of puncheon and the roof of beech bark, while a quilt nailed over the entrance served the place of a door. Here during his long residence he followed general farming, including the rearing of and extensive dealing in live stock, of which he was an excellent judge. It should here be mentioned that to the original tract of woodland he from time to time added until at his death he was the owner of 236 acres of prime farming land. For seven and one-half years he lived in the village of Rochester, at the end of which time he returned to his farm and, later, moved a short distance to where his long and busy life came to a close March 16, 1893. His remains repose in the cemetery at Rochester.

In his political affiliations Mr. Masten was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he enlisted under the new banner, and up to the close of his life was loyal to the cause. He was an exemplary member, as is his aged widow, of the Free-will Baptist Church, in which he held office many years. Mrs. Masten is now passing the evening of her honored life at the old homestead, calmly and hopefully awaiting the summons that shall call her hence. The farm is now ably conducted by her son Frank L., whose filial care is a blessing to his loving mother. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. John I. Masten were as follows: Decalia B., who served in the Civil war, and afterward located in Dayton, Ohio, where he died; Amelia C., who married C. C. Boney and died in Lorain, Ohio; Mortimer C., of Charlotte, Mich.; Celia, now a widow, of Manchester, Ohio; Delia, Mrs. J. H. Bissell, of Rochester, Ohio; Nina, Mrs. A. J. Irish, of Lorain, Ohio; John D., of Charlotte, Mich.; and Frank L., in charge of the home farm.

OBEDIAH BOWEN (deceased) was in his lifetime a well-known prosperous citizen of Elyria, where stands, as a monument to his memory, the "Bowen Block," on Cheapside, erected by him not long before his death.

Mr. Bowen was born June 26, 1818, in the town of Roxbury, Delaware Co., N.Y., and was reared on a farm till about the age of eighteen years. He then commenced to learn the trade of merchant tailor, in Waynesburg, Ohio, whither he had come when sixteen years old, and where he followed the business about ten years. For ten or twelve years he was express and ticket agent for the Lake Shore Railroad Company, after which he embarked in the manufacture of and dealing in Babbitt metal. During the later years of his life he was retired from active work, living upon the interest of his hard-earned accumulations. He was a typical self-made man, shrewd and calculating. At the time of his marriage he had but seventy-five cents in cash, but he was very successful in all his business transactions, and when he died he left a considerable amount of property. On April 11, 1839, Mr. Bowen married Miss Diantha A. Prentiss, of whom special mention will be presently made. In August, 1857, Mr. and

Mrs. Bowen came to Elyria, where he passed from earth December 11, 1887. He was a stanch Republican, casting his first vote for W. H. Harrison, and his last vote for Benjamin Harrison. In religion he was a member of the M. E. Church, as has been his widow since 1832. For thirty years he was a member of the I. O. O. F., and was buried by the Order.

Mrs. Obediah Bowen was born November 17, 1816, in Lowville, Lewis Co., N. Y., and in June, 1836, moved west with her parents to Lorain county, the family coming at that time as pioneers into a wild and unbroken forest, and making a settlement about one mile from the center of what is now Camden township. She is a daughter of William and Sarah (Bates) Prentiss, the former of whom passed away in 1819, the latter (who was born in Northampton, Mass.) dying at the age of ninety-two years. Mrs. Bowen's grandmother died January 7, 1837, at the patriarchal age of ninety-five years, less nearly four months.

S W. ROWLAND. The family, of which this gentleman is a worthy member, is well known and highly esteemed in both Huron and Lorain counties.

He is a son of Aaron Rowland, who was born in a military camp at Danbury, Conn., during the Revolutionary war, a son of Hezekiah Rowland, who served all through that struggle, the exact period of his service being seven years, eleven months and seven days. By trade he was a blacksmith. Aaron Rowland was a miller, and operated flour and saw mills along the Croton river. Seven children, as follows, were born to him in New York State: Ezra, deceased in Clarksfield township, Huron Co., Ohio; Anna, deceased in infancy; Jemima, who married Linnes Palmer, and died in Fitchville township, Huron county; William, a farrier by trade, who died in New York City; Samuel W., a retired farmer of Oberlin, Ohio; Tamazon, who first married Samuel Husted, and is now the widow of Martin Pulver, of Clarksfield township, Huron county; and Betsy Ann, who first married Joseph Stiles, and is now the wife of Thomas Pelton, of Berlinville, Erie Co., Ohio. In the fall of 1818 the family set out on a journey to Ohio with two yoke of oxen and one horse, the trip as far as Cleveland occupying six or seven weeks. When they arrived at that now large and elegant city they found but one house on the "West Side," and that was occupied by the ferryman who rowed travelers across the Cuyahoga river. Coming yet farther west, the family halted at Clarksfield Hollow, in Huron county, where Aaron Rowland secured work in a new mill owned by Capt. Samuel Husted, and he and his family occupied the log cabin home of Capt. Husted, along with his family. In course of time Aaron bought a small farm north of Clarksfield Hollow, and during the summer season, when water in the streams was too low to drive the mill, he would work on this farm. He was also in charge of a mill east of the "Hollow," later owning a share in same, and he followed the business several years. When he came into what is now Clarksfield township, it contained but eight other families, the several heads of which were Samuel Husted, Smith Starr, Benjamin Benson, —— Seger, Benjamin Stiles, Asa Wheeler, Simeon Hoyt, and Ezra Wood. After coming to Ohio the following children were born to Aaron Rowland: Charles (the third child born in Clarksfield township, Lavina, daughter of Asa Wheeler, and Samuel Stiles having been the first and second, respectively), and Daniel. After a married life of sixty-six years less a few days the parents were called from earth, the mother dying in 1866, the father in 1868, and they now sleep their last sleep in the cemetery at Clarksfield. Politically he was first a Whig, afterward, on

the organization of the party, a Republican. He was a pioneer in the milling industry, in those days the leading one next to farming, and was a man of prominence, well known and universally esteemed.

S. W. Rowland, the subject proper of this memoir, was born July 5, 1810, in Putnam county, N. Y., and in early life learned the trade of axe-handle maker, but general farming has been his life work. He was eight years old when the family came to Ohio, and he distinctly remembers the journey. At the primitive subscription schools of the locality where his father had settled, in Huron county, he gleaned a comparatively meager education, which, however, he vastly improved by reading and study in his spare moments.

On Christmas Day, 1834, Mr. Rowland was married to Harmony Blair, who was born June 25, 1814, at Becket, Mass., daughter of Luther Blair, who came in the fall of 1832, to Rochester, Lorain Co., Ohio, at that time on the frontier of the "Far West." The young couple began married life in a log cabin in Clarksfield township, Huron county. In 1836 they removed to Rochester township, Lorain county, where he bought land at three dollars per acre, which he improved and cultivated with his own hands till 1868, in which year he removed to Oberlin, same county, where he has since resided, living a retired life. Children as follows have been born to this honored pioneer and his faithful wife: Mary, now Mrs. Alonzo Welcher, of Iowa; William, deceased; Caroline, wife of H. A. Deming, of Kipton, Ohio; Edmund, a farmer of Rochester township, who also manages the home farm; Evaline, Mrs. J. A. Flower, of Elyria, Ohio; and Thaddeus, a druggist at Oberlin, Ohio.

On Christmas Day, 1884, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland celebrated their golden wedding, members of the family, only, being present, and last Christmas (1893) being the fifty-ninth anniversary of their marriage, their children and grandchildren came home to celebrate the occasion in an appropriate manner, wishing the old couple "many happy returns." Mr. Rowland owns a fine farm of 185 acres in Rochester township, and a pleasant home in Oberlin. Politically he is a Republican, originally a Whig. Mrs. Rowland is a member of the Congregational Church.

REV. WILLIAM BENTON CHAMBERLAIN, A. M., professor of elocution and rhetoric, Oberlin College, comes of an old Connecticut family, his paternal grandfather having been a native of that State, but passed a considerable portion of his life in Ohio. Joshua Chamberlain, great-grandfather of our subject, was a captain in the Revolutionary war.

The gentleman under our present consideration was born at Gustavus, Trumbull Co., Ohio, September 1, 1847, a son of Rev. E. B. and Mary Ann (Cowles) Chamberlain, the former of whom was a native of western New York, the latter a sister of John P. Cowles, of Ipswich, Mass., and of Prof. Henry Cowles, D. D., of Oberlin College; she died in 1874, aged fifty-seven years. Rev. E. B. Chamberlain graduated from the second class at Oberlin College, 1838, and after being licensed preached in Ohio for the greater part of his ministerial life, and later in western Pennsylvania, in which locality he died in 1882 at the age of seventy-two years. Of their five children William B. is the youngest. He entered Oberlin College in 1871, and graduated from the classical course in 1875. Proceeding to Philadelphia, he studied music there from 1876 to 1878. Returning to Oberlin, he entered the Theological Seminary, graduating from there in 1881. From 1878 to 1883 he taught vocal music in Oberlin Conservatory of Music, a portion of the time giving lessons in elocu-

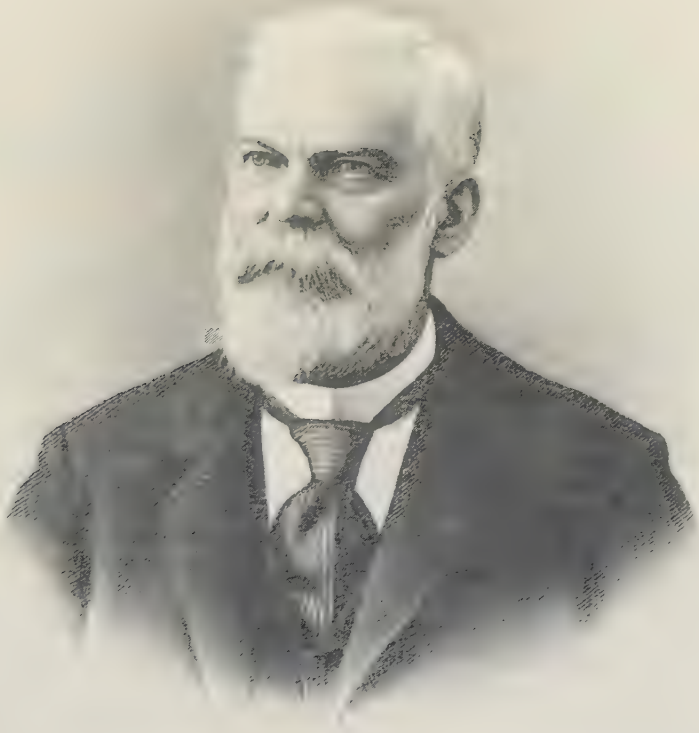
tion, having been appointed instructor of that art in 1881; in 1884 he was appointed to his present incumbency, of professor of elocution and rhetoric. Mr. Chamberlain is a master of vocal expression, and last year he published a work entitled "Rhetoric of Vocal Expression." He has thoroughly adopted what is recognized as the "Oberlin Ideal" of things, and although he has been offered more remunerative positions elsewhere has invariably refused them, preferring to labor in the interests of Oberlin. Mr. Chamberlain is a Congregationalist, and has filled various pulpits at different times, not as regular pastor, however, as his time is fully occupied with teaching. Prior to making his home in Oberlin he taught common schools in Erie county, Ohio.

In 1875 Rev. W. B. Chamberlain and Miss Emma E. Peck were united in marriage, and the following named six children have been born to them: Fred W., John F., Ernest E., Harold, F. P. and Mary E. In his political preferences our subject is a Prohibitionist, but of that practical class that is willing to work for any measure that promises to eliminate or curtail the liquor traffic.

HON. E. G. JOHNSON was born in LaGrange, Lorain Co., Ohio, November 24, 1836. His father, Hon. Nathan P. Johnson, removed from Jefferson county, N. Y., to LaGrange in 1833. The township was then sparsely settled with pioneers, mostly from the same State, living in rudely constructed log cabins, and diligently engaged in clearing away the primeval forest that surrounded their hospitable dwellings. Here he labored with ceaseless energy to transform the wild woods into fruitful fields, and with undaunted courage met the many vicissitudes incident to a pioneer's life. His intelligence, high sense of honor, and zeal in all good works won the highest regard of all who knew him, and called him to occupy places of trust and honor in after years. He was three times elected to represent his county and district in the General Assembly, serving two years in the House of Representatives and two in the Senate. He died in 1874, and the memory of his noble character will long be cherished.

It was surrounded by such influences and under such salutary home instruction that the son E. G. grew up to manhood before leaving the parental roof. In early boyhood he began to display the diligence and application that have characterized his subsequent life, and all his leisure moments were spent in willing efforts to aid his honored parents in bearing the burden of founding a home for the family, with no means except their strong arms. These efforts were not relaxed as years added to his strength and the desire for study trenched upon his hours for labor. In those pioneer days schools were not what they now are, and boys of sufficient age to perform farm labor were often deprived of the poor facilities afforded for instruction. Not so with the children of pioneer Johnson. He not only labored extra hours to enable his two sons to attend the winter school, but taught them at his own log cabin fireside the rudiments of the common branches and the sterling virtues that form the basis of a well-ordered life. Although hampered by the want of better opportunities, the young lad early manifested a desire to acquire more of the hidden treasures found in the books, and was granted the privilege of attending the winter school at Oberlin, a few terms, which he improved with willing ardor. Thus, between hard labor upon the farm and diligent use of leisure hours in study, he acquired sufficient knowledge to become a teacher before he attained his majority.

When of legal age he did not lose his love for this employment of his youth, nor



Yours Very Truly
E. L. Thurber

his affection for his parents whose welfare was ever his earnest desire, but spent some time alternately engaged in farm labor, study and teaching. During this time he commenced the study of law under the tutelage of L. A. Sheldon, Esq., who was his townsman, and who subsequently distinguished himself as a General in the Union Army, Member of Congress from Louisiana, and Governor of New Mexico. In due time he received a certificate of admission to the bar, in Columbus, and opened an office in his native town.

At the age of twenty-one years he was elected justice of the peace, and held that office with entire approbation of the people for ten consecutive years. Devoting all his leisure time to mental rather than pecuniary gain, he had but little opportunity in the quiet township of LaGrange to lay by a store for the increasing wants of his family, and in 1868, on the petition of nearly all the voters in the township, regardless of party affiliation, he consented to stand for the office of county auditor. He was nominated at the convention that soon followed, receiving twenty-eight majority on the first ballot, against a strong opponent. He was elected with great unanimity for four successive terms, but in 1876 he resigned, and has since devoted his energies to his professional duties with ever-increasing success and popularity. During his successive terms as auditor he was brought into official relations with nearly every adult person in the county, and by his courtesy, ability, unquestioned character and integrity, he gained the confidence of the people, which confidence, so well merited, he has ever since retained.

Mr. Johnson has found time during the busy years of his professional life to ably serve other interests besides that of the law. Wedded in youth to the pursuit of agriculture, he has never lost his desire for the welfare of those who cultivate the soil. He has been an active member of the Lorain County Agricultural Society for more than thirty years, and for thirteen years was its popular and efficient secretary. For twelve years he also served as chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, during which period he displayed great energy in promoting the Republican cause. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1884, and was the Republican candidate for Congress from the Fourteenth District of Ohio in 1892, but was defeated. His patriotic ardor was early enlisted in the Union cause. He was among the first citizens of LaGrange who answered the call of President Lincoln in 1861, and enlisted in Company A, afterward Company I, Eighth O. V. I., for three months. He went out as first lieutenant, but was promoted to the rank of captain. He re-enlisted with the major part of his company for three years, while in Camp Dennison, but was rejected by the surgeon who declared him to be physically unable to perform military duty. He received an honorable discharge from the service, and it was several years after his return before he fully recovered his health.

Mr. Johnson's career at the bar has been one of unsullied honor and rapid advancement. He at once took a position at the head of the bar in Lorain county, and now ranks among the foremost in the list of able attorneys in Northern Ohio. He has been engaged in many important capital criminal cases, notably his defense of John Coughlin at Ravenna, who, with the notorious "Blinkey" Morgan (who was convicted and executed), was charged with the murder of detective Hulligan. Samuel Eddy, at that time one of the ablest lawyers of Ohio, was associated with Mr. Johnson. Coughlin, though at first convicted, secured a new trial, and was finally acquitted. In more than a dozen other capital cases Mr. Johnson has won a wide reputation as a successful criminal lawyer. He is a man of strong convictions, forming his opinions only after thorough in-

vestigation, and is fearless in expressing them when once formed. In combating the illogical theories and "isms" of those who defy reason and the law of nature in their attempt to correct political and social evils, he has incurred the displeasure of a few self-constituted modern reformers, as all men do who have the courage of their convictions. He has long been an active leader in social and political reforms, and now stands in the front ranks of the great army of true progress. His whole life has been characterized by an open-hearted honesty in dealing with his fellow men, and a supreme hatred of hypocrisy and double dealing.

Mr. Johnson has always retained his love for his early home life and the friends and acquaintances of his boyhood. In 1886, in company with Hon. E. H. Hinman, he made a trip to Europe, visiting many of the places of interest both in Great Britain and upon the continent. Among others he visited the famous Leaning Tower at Pisa, from which point he wrote Hon. George G. Washburn, late editor of the Elyria *Republican*, a letter in which he recalls the memory of his boyhood home, as follows:

> After breakfast we took our guide book and started for the leaning tower. It was but a short walk, and yet it seemed a mile, so greatly had our expectations been excited. It seemed impossible that we were to set our eyes upon that famous column. I remember of hearing my mother describe it, as we sat around the fire of a long winter evening in the old log house, which, with her, long ago crumbled into dust. Oh how times and circumstances do change. Then as she told me the story, I thought life would be a failure unless my eyes should behold it, and I resolved that some day I would go and see it and come back and tell her of my journey. Here I am at the tower, but where is she? and where is that happy circle then complete, and those happy days which then seemed eternal? Memory holds them—all else is gone.

In 1887 Mr. Johnson made a trip through the West, visiting among other places the National Park, which he reached by stage from Beaver Cañon on the Utah Central Railroad. It is just one hundred miles from that point to the Park, through a wilderness. From his stopping place on Snake river he wrote to Mr. Washburn a letter from which is made the following extract:

> I am stopping to-night on the banks of Snake river, and now sitting by a stove in a log house which, if it had a big fireplace across one end, would be almost a copy of the one where fifty years ago I first saw the sun-light, and where, though brief were the years passed beneath its roof, that sun-light began to fade. Out of the door I can see the same waving forests, only that was of beech and maple and whitewood and oak, while this is of spruce and pine. This house is but just erected, and will long years defy the ravages of rain and frost, while that house is only one of memory's treasures. The voices of the good people who have opened the doors to give us welcome greet my ears, while along the tender chords of memory come the sweet voices that when the days were young made that old house the home of mirth and happiness. As I sit here alone, fancy brings that old log structure back out of the dust, peoples it with the same happy throng that gathered at the family altar and at the same table; but it is only for a moment, for faithful memory will not let me forget that half of those who gathered there lie in graves which
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> "Are severed far and wide, by mount and stream and sea."

Mr. Johnson's unselfish generosity and kindness of heart are proverbial wherever he is known, and none appeal to him for aid in a worthy cause without receiving his mite according to his means, regardless of color, sect or nationality. He has always been a liberal contributor to the support of the M. E. Church; and on one occasion not long ago its worthy pastor, by his invitation, accompanied him on a vacation trip to the Rocky Mountain region, at his expense. Many instances might be cited of like acts of kindness, showing his characteristic regard for the happiness of others with whom he only sustains the relation of neighbor and friend. His great industry, unquestioned integrity and unimpeachable moral character have won the regard of his host of friends, who stand high in social and religious circles.

On January 1, 1859, Mr. Johnson was married to Lydia D. Gott, also a native of LaGrange, Ohio. Mrs. Johnson is a woman highly respected and esteemed wherever she is known for her many womanly virtues. Mr. Johnson is yet in the prime of his usefulness, and few men have more de-

voted friends to wish him success in all his undertakings. [This sketch for the most part is from the able pen of Hon. George G. Washburn, late editor of the Elyria *Republican*.—Ed.

DAVID D. JOHNSON (deceased), who in his lifetime was one of the prominent and well-known citizens of Elyria township, was a native of England, born December 2, 1829.

When an infant of nine months his parents set sail for the New World, but on the voyage the father died, and found a grave in the broad Atlantic, there to lie "till the sea shall give up its dead." The widowed mother continued on with her little family to Lorain county, Ohio, making a settlement in Avon township, where our subject was reared and educated. He followed farming pursuits all his life, and was prosperous. On January 11, 1887, he passed from earth in his fifty-eighth year.

On November 15, 1860, Mr. Johnson married Mary E. Fowls, who was born, reared and educated in Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio. After marriage they resided in Elyria township, same county, several years, and then came to Elyria, where they owned a good farm of seventy-five acres, highly cultivated land. Mr. Johnson spent seven years in the West. He was an ardent Republican. Upright in character and of sound integrity, he was honored and respected by all. He had one son, M. B. Johnson, who was educated in Elyria and at Oberlin College, Ohio, from which latter he returned to Elyria, at the high school of which city he graduated. He then read law under Metcalf & Webber, and in 1884 was admitted to the bar, after which he located in Cleveland, where he has since enjoyed a lucrative practice. He married Miss Mary E. Laundon, of Elyria, Ohio, and two children—David Laundon and Arthur Earnest—have been born to them.

After leaving Oberlin Female Seminary, where she had finished her education, Mrs. Mary E. Johnson taught school in Lorain county (Black River township), afterward in Angola, Steuben Co., Ind., and in Mendon, St. Joseph Co., Mich., both in private and public schools. She is a daughter of Godfrey and Sarah (Gardiner) Fowls, who were natives of Germany, where they were married. In 1828 they came to the United States and to Ohio, locating in what is now the very center of the city of Cleveland, and afterward coming to Amherst township, Lorain county, where they passed the remainder of their busy lives on their farm, the father dying at the age of eighty-eight years, the mother at the age of sixty-nine. They were the parents of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity.

JOHN H. JOHNSON (deceased), a typical self-made man, one who has left behind a record worthy of emulation, was born August 11, 1815, in Canal township, Venango Co., Penn., a son of James Johnson, a native of Ireland, born May 6, 1785.

When yet a lad James Johnson came to the United States, presumably to seek his fortune in the New World. After landing he made his way westward to Venango county, Penn., where in Canal township he settled down to agricultural pursuits on a farm of 200 acres, on which in later years, long after his death, oil was discovered. He died in Pennsylvania, a Democrat in politics, and in Church relationship an Old-school Presbyterian. On September 22, 1814, he married, in Venango county, Mrs. Elizabeth Cousins (a widow), *née* Sutley, born April 5, 1791, in that county, who bore him children as follows: John H.;

Sarah A., born March 24, 1821, who married John Singleton; Robert H., born December 18, 1823, died in Fulton county, Ohio; Harrison R., born May 18, 1825, died in Nashville, Tenn., where he was principal of schools (he was a graduate of Ashtabula College, Ashtabula, Ohio); and Hugh, born June 23, 1828, a blacksmith by trade, who died of smallpox while on a visit at his mother's house. The mother of these, after the death of the father, married Sylvester Knowlton, and in course of time moved to Huron county, where she passed from earth; she was interred in Ripley Methodist cemetery.

John H. Johnson received such education as the early schools of his boyhood days afforded. He was reared on a farm up to the age of eighteen years, and then learned the trade of blacksmith. After completing his apprenticeship he went to Buffalo, N. Y., working there as a journeyman until 1841, and then locating in Warren, Penn., where in partnership with a half brother, William Cousins, he successfully followed his trade. Here he married Miss Elizabeth P. Snyder, born June 1, 1823, in Penn Yan, Yates Co., N. Y., a daughter of John and Eliza (Pierce) Snyder, natives of Columbia and Onondaga counties, N. Y., respectively, and who after marriage settled in Elk township, Warren Co., Penn. In June, 1845, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson came to Ohio, to Richland county, leaving their only child, Theodosia, then two years old, in care of its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder (a son, Alston, had died at the age of three months). Their trip to Ohio was made in order to "spy out the land," and being satisfied with it they returned to Pennsylvania for their household effects and his blacksmithing tools. The journeys were made entirely by wagon, the trips occupying six days each way. In Bloominggrove township, Richland county, Mr. Johnson bought three town lots, on which he built a shop and residence. Here for a time business with him was very poor, and to add to other causes the memorable frost of June 1, that year, damaged the wheat crop to such an extent that the price of it ran up to three dollars per bushel. Later, however, business improved, and money became more plentiful. For six years they resided at Rome, Ashtabula county, and from Rome moved to Ripley township, Huron county, where Mr. Johnson purchased a fifty-acre farm, erecting thereon a "smithy," in connection with his dwelling, and, hiring a hand to work his farm, personally conducted his shop, at which time he was kept quite busy; at that time horse shoes were split from wagon tires, and nails were made from lighter material, all of which combined to make work for the blacksmith much more onerous than at the present day. He at all times, however, had one or more apprentices working for him, which materially lessened his labor. Selling out his business in Ripley, he moved with his family to Greenwich township, having purchased seventy-four acres of land, and moving his shop to this farm here continued his trade until the spring of 1860, when he came to Brighton township and located on the farm now occupied by his son A. C. On this he erected another shop, and continued working at his trade till within ten days of his death, which occurred February 25, 1864, after a ten-days' illness from typhoid-pneumonia; his remains were interred in Brighton cemetery. He was a stanch Democrat, but during the later years of his life did not vote, averring that he was of the opinion his party had changed their principles; in matters of religion he was a strict Presbyterian. Since his death, his widow has continued to live at the old homestead in Brighton township, a highly respected lady, and a devout member of the Congregational Church.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Johnson were as follows—born in Rome, Richland county: Madora, now the wife of A. S. Gilson, a photographer of Norwalk, Ohio; Orestes, of Norwalk, in

the employ of the A. B. Chase Co.; and Adelbert C., sketch of whom follows. Born in Ripley township: Frank D., and Emma O., wife of Charles A. Finley, of Kipton, Ohio. Born in Greenwich township: Aravilla, widow of George Harris, and Albert, fireman on the Lake Erie & Wheeling Railway, at Norwalk, Ohio. Born in Brighton township: Ada, who died at the age of seven years; Charley S., in the sawmilling business at Rochester, Lorain county; and Eva, deceased at the age of three months. The eldest daughter, Theodosia, married William Callin, and lives in Brighton township.

ADELBERT C. JOHNSON, a member of the firm of Laundon, Windecker & Co., manufacturers of cheese, is a native of Rome, Ohio, born March 27, 1850, the fifth child and third son of John H. and Elizabeth P. (Snyder) Johnson.

When his parents removed to Greenwich township, Huron county, our subject was but an infant, and he was there reared on the home farm. With the exception of one year during which he was fireman on the Atlantic & Great Western Railway, he was never absent from the parental home till his marriage, after which he moved to Wood county, Ohio, and commenced farming on a piece of land belonging to his father-in-law. There he resided four years, and then returned to Brighton township, and for four years carried on agriculture; then went to Clarksfield, Huron county, and worked in a cheese factory for John Emmons, where his first idea of the cheese business was obtained. After about a year he came to Brighton and embarked in the manufacturing of cheese, at which he has ever since been engaged as a member of the firm of Laundon, Windecker & Co., and he is superintendent and manager of the "Goss Factory." On May 30, 1874, Mr. Johnson was married to Julia A. Emmons, who was born in Brighton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, a daughter of John and Julia Emmons, and two children, Pearlie and Lillie, have been born to them. Our subject is an ardent Republican, has held township offices in Brighton ever since his return from Wood county, Ohio, and has served three terms as trustee; he is now superintendent of the Lorain County Infirmary, which position he has occupied since November 1, 1893. He has an extensive acquaintance and considerable political influence. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., at Wellington, Lorain county.

GEORGE E. NICHOLS, dealer in real estate and insurance, is a native of New Hampshire, born in Londonderry, October 7, 1819.

His father, Reuben Nichols, was born in Londonderry, N. H., in 1787, and in 1811 was married to Miss Asenath Senter of the same town. He was the son of Jacob and Sally George Nichols, natives of Massachusetts, who removed to Londonderry, N. H., where they died. They had twelve children—seven sons and five daughters—of whom Reuben was the youngest, and they all lived to be from eighty-four to ninety-six years of age except one who died young from the effects of an injury.

In October, 1827, Reuben Nichols, father of George E. Nichols, left New Hampshire with his family, and started for the wilds of the West, to seek a home. On reaching Pike Hollow, Allegany Co., N. Y., the family made a halt while the father proceeded to Lorain county, Ohio, on horseback, where he secured a farm six miles south of Elyria. He then returned to his family, and they set out for their new home, reaching Elyria March 28, 1828. They first located at Butternut Ridge, then almost a dense wilderness, remaining there nearly two years, and then removed to Elyria, where in 1830 Reuben Nichols purchased the "Old Eagle Hotel."

In 1832 he commenced building the new hotel called the "Mansion House," and this he kept until 1839, when he sold it. At that time it was one of the finest hotels west of Buffalo, N. Y. While keeping this hotel, he hitched four horses to a lumber wagon, and conveyed John J. Shipherd and others to the present site of Oberlin, their first trip to that locality, to found a school. After selling out the "Mansion House" he moved his family to Oberlin in order to have his children educated. In 1842 he returned to Elyria, where he passed the remainder of his days, making business changes in property from time to time. He died in 1871, having lived eighty-four years, an honest, upright and just man; a lifelong Democrat in politics. His wife died in November, 1870.

George E. Nichols, the subject proper of this sketch, after receiving a good education settled in the mercantile business in Elyria, where he remained for a number of years. In 1852, under Franklin Pierce's administration, he was appointed postmaster at Elyria, and after serving four years resigned March 5, 1856, for political reasons. During this period (1854) he was appointed one of a committee to proceed to Nebraska to try and have it become a Democratic State. He had a land office at Washington, D. C., and a large amount of land under his control; and though he made many trips to Nebraska, he did his chief land office work at Washington. This he continued in several years, having influential friends and finding good opportunities which he improved. He was interested in bringing the first printing press to Omaha, and assisted in the establishment of a paper there. Of recent years Mr. Nichols has given his attention mainly to the real-estate business, with his home and office in Elyria, Lorain county, and has met with marked success.

In November, 1843, he was married to Miss Angeline D. Elliott, daughter of Rev. Joseph Elliott, Baptist clergyman, and two children have been born to them: Ella Gertrude, wife of William Millspaugh, of Middletown, N. Y., and Lelia May, wife of Seymour Cromwell Prentiss, of Detroit, Mich. They have four grandchildren—George Marcus Millspaugh and William L. Millspaugh, of Middletown, and Marion Louise Prentiss and Edith Rouse Prentiss, of Detroit, Mich.—and two great-grandchildren. On November 22, 1893, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nichols celebrated their Golden Wedding at the home of their daughter, Ella Millspaugh, in Middletown, Orange Co., N. Y., referring to which interesting event a Middletown (N. Y.) paper of same date contains the following:

> Fifty years ago to-day, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nichols, of Elyria, Ohio, were united in marriage. They are spending the winter at the residence of their daughter, Mrs. William Millspaugh, on Orchard street in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Millspaugh do not propose to let so important an event pass without proper recognition, and accordingly have invited a number of intimate friends of the family and the acquaintances Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have made during their visits to this city, to join with them in celebrating, in a quiet way, the golden anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols' marriage.
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> Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have been singularly blessed during their half-century of married life. They have been permitted to enjoy a reasonable measure of worldly prosperity, and have reached the allotted age of man in good physical and mental health. Two children have blessed their union —Mrs. Millspaugh, of this city, and Mrs. Prentiss, of Detroit; they have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and there has never been a death in their family, nor in those of their children. There are few who are permitted to look back over fifty years of married life, and fewer still who can survey the past with greater reason of thankfulness. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols in this city and elsewhere will wish them many happy returns of their wedding anniversary.

RUSSEL B. WEBSTER. A biographical record of Lorain county would indeed be incomplete were mention not made of this gentleman, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Wellington township, and who bore an honorable and influential part in the early history of the county.

Russel B. Webster was born in Otis, Mass., April 25, 1799. He came to Ohio in 1820 in search of a home, carrying seventy pounds of baggage upon his back. He located a farm in Wellington, and returned to Otis, Mass., where he married Orpha Hunter, and, returning to his forest home with his bride, brought all their possessions in a wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen. To Russel and Orpha Webster were born the following named children: Samuel H., now a retired merchant in Shelbyville, Ill.; Bidwell, a civil engineer, who died in Wellington, Ohio, September 7, 1856; Leander, who commanded a company in the Fourteenth Illinois Cavalry during the Civil war, and who now resides in Castalia, Iowa; David Philander, who died in infancy; Philander R., who commanded a company in an Illinois regiment during its term of service, and who died in Shelbyville, Ill., April 14, 1884; William W., who emigrated to Colorado in 1859, and was for four years president of the Upper House of Colorado Territory, and now resides in Pasadena, Cal.; Loret, who died at the age of about three years as the result of a fall; Edward F., who, after four years of service during the Civil war, returned to Wellington, where he has since been actively engaged in business, and Leveret F., who died January 29, 1861, as the result of an accident.

Mr. Webster was a perfect type of the good old Massachusetts Puritan stock. He was a man of remarkable physical powers and endurance, and was endowed with intellectual powers and a mental vigor no less remarkable. He joined the Congregational Church during his early residence in Wellington, and during a long and useful life was an earnest, active Christian worker. He was thoroughly devoted to all that was good, and sternly opposed to all that he considered wrong. He went beyond the requirements of the "golden rule" and throughout his life was constantly doing for others far more than he would have asked others to do for him under similar circumstances. In the early pioneer days, when the struggle for existence was so hard, and the opportunities for "lending a helping hand" were so numerous, he often taxed his physical powers to their utmost in assisting neighbors and friends, and never hesitated to contribute his last dollar in case of urgent need. He was active and indefatigable in every good work, and contributed his full share toward laying broad and deep the foundations of religious order, good morals and good society that have given to Lorain county its honorable history. In the early days, Mr. Webster commanded a militia company, and thereafter was known as "Capt. Webster." In politics he was an ardent Whig, while that party existed, and was considered one of the "wheel horses" of the party in the county. He joined the Republican party upon its organization, and remained steadfast in his loyalty to it during the remainder of his life. He died in Wellington January 31, 1881, honored by all who knew him. His wife, Orpha Webster, survived him about one year.

To the life, work and example of the class of pioneers to which Russel and Orpha Webster belonged, Lorain county owes an inextinguishable debt of gratitude.

CONRAD HAGEMANN, one of the most prominent and enterprising agriculturists of Black River township, was born in Hessia, Germany, October 10, 1831, a son of John and Martha (Heussner) Hagemann.

The family emigrated to the United States and to Ohio, settling, in 1847, in Amherst township, Lorain county, where they followed farming. The father was born about the year 1800, and died in North Amherst in 1877; the mother passed away in 1869 when aged about seventy-two years. They were sturdy, hard-working people, who strove well to bring up their family to usefulness and good citizenship;

they were both members of the German Reformed Church. They had a family of eight children, as follows: John, a cabinet maker by trade, died in North Amherst, Ohio; Adam is a farmer in Black River township, Lorain Co., Ohio; Henry is a cabinet maker in Lorain, Ohio (he was a soldier in the Mexican war); George died in Louisville, Ky.; Conrad is the subject of this sketch; Antone now lives in Independence, Iowa; Catherine is the wife of Valentine Klotzbach; Matthew was a soldier, when twenty-three years old, in the Civil war, and died in hospital in 1862. Two of the above-named children—Henry and Adam—had preceded the rest of the family to America in 1845.

The subject of this sketch attended school two winters after coming to Lorain county, and spent the earlier years of his life working on the farm and driving team. Before reaching his majority he went to Iowa for the purpose of buying land, but remained there only one year, when he was obliged to return home to take care of his parents, who were becoming advanced in years and needed his assistance. With true filial piety he stayed by them till their death. Mr. Hagemann purchased his present farm of 118 acres of prime land in Black River township the year after his marriage, and has lived on it ever since.

On September 16, 1855, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Claus, daughter of Henry and Martha (Hildebrand) Claus, and they have had a family of fourteen children, namely: Two died in infancy; Anna is the wife of Michael Gegenheimer, and they now live in Vermillion, Ohio (they have three children: Albert, Franklin and Ralph); Elizabeth is the wife of John Beller, of North Amherst, and they have four children: Anna, William, Edna and Helen; Paulina married Henry Kolbe, and died leaving four children: Frank, August, George and Henry; Edna is the wife of Martin Trinter, and they have five children: Philip, Elmer, Lydia, Edna and William; Philip (unmarried) runs a fishing tug at Lorain; August carries on a brick yard in Lorain; Martha resides at home; Albert attended the business college at Oberlin, and is now a bookkeeper; Robert, who also attended business college, is living at home; Walter is going to school; Herman is at school; Elmer (yet a boy) is under the paternal roof. Mr. Hagemann and all his grown-up sons vote the Republican ticket, his first vote being cast in 1852 for Gen. Scott. The family are associated with the Reformed Church at Amherst.

J. C. HILL, president of the Savings Deposit Bank Company of Elyria, was born in Erie county, Ohio, October 27, 1837, a son of E. P. and Sarah Hill, natives of Connecticut. His education was received in his native State, first at the high school in Berlin Heights, Erie county, and afterward in Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Greene county, at which latter institution he was under the preceptorship of Horace Mann. His father and grandfather were prominent pioneers of Berlin Heights, and the former was a member of the Ohio State Senate from Erie county, in 1852 and 1853.

J. C. Hill after leaving college studied law in Cleveland, and from the law college in that city took his degree of LL. B. in June, 1861, his A. B. having been received at the literary college in 1860. He then practiced law one year in Elyria in company with Judge J. C. Hale, they having come to the then village from Cleveland at the same time. Mr. Hill, at the expiration of the year, practiced same length of time alone, and then formed a second partnership with Judge Hale, which continued until 1864, when it was dissolved. In that year our subject and W. A. Braman entered into a copartnership in live-stock dealing, which continued for

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three years, and was a success financially. For several years after this he was engaged in the nursery business, doing an extensive trade, both wholesale and retail. On November 1, 1872, Mr. Hill, in company with T. L. Nelson, organized and started a private banking company, with unlimited liability of stockholders, and at the end of the second year there were twelve members in the company representing a responsibility in the bank of half a million. This secured for the institution the unbounded confidence of the public, and as a result the bank was soon enabled to double its capital from its own earnings, besides paying regular dividends. It was known as "The Savings Deposit Bank of Elyria," and without doubt was one of the most flourishing and safe institutions of the kind in the State. In 1890 it was reorganized and incorporated as a regular stock bank with a paid-up capital of two hundred thousand dollars, and surplus amounting to twelve thousand dollars. In March, 1893, the bank carried loans to the extent of over one million dollars, and had deposit accounts aggregating nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Hill was the first cashier and manager, and, at the death in 1890 of Mr. T. L. Nelson, the president, he succeeded to the presidency, retaining the managership. At the time of the reorganization, fifteen new directors were elected, who meet twice a year, and a finance committee which meets once each week.

On January 2, 1861, Mr. Hill was married to Miss Etta M. Wilson, of Elizabeth, N. J., whom he first met as a schoolmate under Horace Mann, and who lacked only one year of graduation at Antioch College. Five children have been born to this union, of whom the following three are still living: Ralph W., head bookkeeper in the bank already referred to; Arthur E., superintendent of the Independence Horse and Cattle Company, North Park, Colo., and Editha L., at present attending school in Philadelphia, Penn. Mr. Hill is a Republican in politics; socially he is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Royal Arcanum. Since 1879 he has been a member of the school board of Elyria, and president of same since 1888. He is the leading stockholder in the Independence Horse and Cattle Company of North Park, Colo., which company owns a large tract of valuable land within twelve miles of the snow line in that State, and about eight hundred high-grade Hereford cattle.

Mr. Hill is a man of broad views, keen, quick perceptions, sterling integrity and a spotless reputation—qualities which have secured him the unlimited confidence of the people with whom he has come in contact. In addition to his duties as manager of the largest moneyed institution in the county, he has, as executor, settled several large estates, discharging his duties with characteristic fidelity. An honorable, upright life, guided by rare mental endowments, and a delicately adjusted mental balance, rarely fails to achieve success. Success in this case has not been to the possessor of these gifts alone. His equipment and business sagacity have not only been turned to good account by his associates in business, but the public has been a generous beneficiary of his excellent common sense and sound, mature judgment.

Mr. Hill having but slightly passed the noon mark of a useful career, with a lovely home, and pleasant family and social surroundings, may well take pride in the gathered fruits of his well-ordered and correct life.

W. G. BALLANTINE, D. D., LL. D., president of Oberlin College, was born in the City of Washington, D. C., December 7, 1848, a son of Elisha and Betsey A. (Watkins) Ballantine. The name is Scotch, and the first of the family emigrated to America about the year 1648, locating in Boston, where

they and their descendants lived for some generations. The first Ballantine graduated from Harvard College in 1694.

Rev. Elisha Ballantine, LL. D., father of subject, was born in the State of New York, and received his literary and classical education at the University of Athens, Ohio. For many years he was professor of Greek in the University of Indiana. He died in 1886 at an advanced age. His wife, who was Miss Betsey A. Watkins, was born in Prince Edward county, Va., and died in 1873, the mother of a large family of children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the seventh.

Pres. Ballantine received his elementary education mostly at home. He took the Freshman and Sophomore years at Wabash (Indiana) College; in 1866 he entered the junior class at Marietta (Ohio) College, graduating in 1868 A. B. While yet a student and after graduation he followed civil engineering, and in 1869 became a member of the Ohio State Geological Survey. Subsequently he entered Union Seminary, New York, and there, under the preceptorship of Dr. Henry B. Smith, studied theology, graduating in 1872. In that same year, desiring to drink still deeper of the Pierian Spring, he proceeded to Leipsic, Germany, for the purpose of studying Hebrew under Delitzsch. In 1873, as a member of the American Palestine Exploring Expedition, he traveled throughout the Holy Land for about six months, the territory east of the Jordan being the portion chiefly visited by the expedition. On his return to the United States he was appointed to a professorship in Ripon (Wis.) College, occupying the Chair of Chemistry and Natural Science from 1874 to 1876; was assistant professor of Greek in Indiana University from 1876 to 1878, and was professor of Greek and Hebrew Exegesis in Oberlin (Ohio) Theological Seminary from 1878 to 1880. From 1880 to 1891 he was Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature in the same institution. For some time the Professor was one of the editors of the "Bibliotheca Sacra." In 1880 he was ordained to the Congregational ministry; in 1885 he received the honorary degree of D. D. from Marietta College, and in 1891 the degree of LL. D. from Western Reserve University. On January 28, 1891, he was elected president of Oberlin College. It will thus be seen that Prof. Ballantine's reading, study and teaching, have been of a remarkably versatile nature, and his breadth of knowledge and executive ability are too well known to here require any comment.

In 1875 Prof. W. G. Ballantine was married in Waupun, Wis., to Miss Emma F. Atwood, and four children have been born to them, namely: Henry W., Arthur A., Edward and Mary F.

REV. JOHN MILLOTT ELLIS, A.M., professor of mental and moral philosophy, Stone professorship, Oberlin College, is a native of New Hampshire, born in Jaffrey, March 27, 1831, a son of Seth B. and Lucy (Joslin) Ellis.

The father of subject was born in Keene, N. H., where he was reared and educated. At the age of fifty he came west to Ohio, locating in Oberlin, where he carried on a planing mill and lumber yard. He died in 1865, at the age of seventy-five years, his wife when seventy-seven years old, the mother of ten children, nine of whom came with their parents to Oberlin. Timothy Ellis, great-grandfather of subject, was a colonel in the Revolution, and participated in the capture of Fort Ticonderoga; he was ninety years old at the time of his death, which occurred in Keene, N. H.

The subject of this memoir received his elementary education at the common schools of his boyhood days, after which, at the age of sixteen, he entered Oberlin College, where he graduated in 1851. He then taught school for a time, was also professor in Mississippi College, Clinton,

Miss., three years. In 1857 he was appointed to a Greek professorship in Oberlin College, which he filled for nine years; after this he occupied the Chair of philosophy, rhetoric and composition, etc., and more recently that of mental and moral philosophy. During life he has been active, for many years in ministerial work as pastor of the Second Congregational Church at Oberlin, and supplying churches in Cleveland, and other neighboring towns.

In 1862 Prof. Ellis was married to Miss Minerva Emeline Tenney, and four children have been born to them, all sons, viz.: Albert H., Theodore H., John T. and Luman M. Mrs. Ellis is a graduate of the literary course of Oberlin College, class of 1858. Her grandfather, Judge Harris, was a pioneer of Lorain county, and her father, Dr. Luman Tenney, was a native of Vermont.

GEORGE FREDERICK WRIGHT, D. D., LL. D., F. G. S. A., professor of the Harmony of Science and Revelation in Oberlin Theological Seminary.

Concerning this learned gentleman, we excerpt from an article in a recent number of the "Popular Science Monthly" the following: "Prof. George Frederick Wright has come within a few years to a foremost position among authorities in geology and the antiquity of man. His studies of glacial action have been thorough, extended, comprehensive, and fruitful of results beyond those of almost any other single observer, and make singularly fitting the curious designation given him by Judge Baldwin, secretary of the Western Reserve Historical Society, as 'the apostle of the Ice Age and Early Man.'"

Prof. Wright was born at Whitehall, N. Y., January 22, 1838, a son of Walter and Mary (Peabody) Wright—he a native of New York State, she of New Brunswick, N. J., and both descended from New England families. "They were plain people, in moderate circumstances, not exempt from the necessity of labor, who, participating in the sentiment which that institution then represented, sent their son to Oberlin College, five hundred miles away." Here in 1859 he graduated in the classical course, and in 1862 from the Theological Seminary. While taking his Theological course he served as a private in Company C, Seventh O. V. I., in which he had enlisted on the first call of President Lincoln for troops; but a severe sickness led to his discharge after five months enrollment. In the fall of 1862 he became pastor of the Congregational Church at Bakersfield, Vt., an incumbency he enjoyed for about ten years, at the end of which time (1872) he accepted a call to one of the Congregational Churches of Andover, Mass. From the magazine already quoted from we glean the following, illustrative of Prof. Wright's multifarious labors: "Besides attending to his pastoral duties, and engaging actively in revival work in his own church and in the surrounding towns, he entered vigorously into educational movements; started and presided over a vigorous farmers' club; studied the local geology and wrote articles for the country papers on the glacial phenomena of the region; read his Hebrew Bible through, and translated 'Kant's Critique of Pure Reason,' besides several of Plato's philosophical works."

While in the discharge of his ministerial duties in Andover, Mass., he enjoyed the friendship of the professors in the Theological Seminary, made the acquaintance of Prof. Asa Gray, of Harvard, and commenced an active literary career. His special attention was directed to the glacial phenomena of the region, and as early as 1876 his observations were voluminously reported in the "Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural Philosophy." After making himself familiar with the glacial phenomena of New England, "he was invited in 1881, by Prof. Lesley, to survey, in company with the late Prof.

H. Carvill Lewis, the boundary of the glaciated area across Pennsylvania to the border of Ohio."

During his pastorate at Andover he also published a number of articles in the "Bibliotheca Sacra," notably one on the theology of President Finney, and four on Darwinism. Numerous articles from his pen also appeared in various other serials, and in 1880 he published his book entitled "The Logic of Christian Evidences." "Studies in Science and Religion," "The Relation of Death to Probation," and "The Divine Authority of the Bible," rapidly followed each other, and showed to the Christian public that a calm, clear, fearless yet fair advocate of Revealed Christianity was coming to the front.

In 1881 he was called to the Chair of New Testament Exegesis in Oberlin Theological Seminary, and almost the first question he asked after his arrival in Oberlin was a geological one: "What is the age of the cañon of Plum Creek?" This stream is modest enough in its meanderings, "but Prof. Wright made it and its work in denudation, in his 'Ice Age in North America,' the basis of an important and interesting calculation concerning the antiquity of the Great Ice Age." During the summers of 1882-83 he continued his geological survey across Ohio, Indiana and a part of Illinois, the result of which work was published by the Western Reserve Historical Society under the title of "The Glacial Boundary in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky," which attracted wide attention. The two summer vacations of 1884–85 were spent by Prof. Wright under the auspices of the United States Government in tracing the terminal moraine across the western States to the Mississippi; in reviewing the field of Ohio and western Pennsylvania, and in verifying his previous work. Later he spent a summer in Alaska, camping for a month beside the great Muir glacier. In 1887 he was invited to give a course of eight Lowell Institute Lectures at Boston, which were afterward repeated in Baltimore, Md., and Brooklyn, N. Y., and were enlarged into his volume on "The Ice Age in North America."

The summer of 1890 Prof. Wright spent in the lava fields of the West, where he obtained additional and exceedingly valuable evidence of the existence of man in Idaho and California prior to the lava outpour. The summer of 1891 he passed in Europe, where he was warmly greeted by the glacialists of England, his fame as a specialist in glacial geology having preceded him there. In the winter of 1891–92 he gave a second course of lectures in the Lowell Institute, Boston, to uniformly large audiences. Besides his geological and theological publications already enumerated, numerous articles from his pen have appeared in various serials. His book entitled "Logic of Christian Evidences," already referred to, at once attained a wide circulation, and is used in several schools as a text book.

In 1862 Prof. G. F. Wright was united in marriage in Sheffield township, Lorain county, with Miss Hulda M. Day, daughter of William Day, and four children have been born to them, named, respectively, Mary A., Etta M., Frederick B. and Helen M.

A B. EVERITT, M. D., a successful medical practitioner of Lorain county, having his residence in Kipton, Camden township, claims descent from a "Mayflower family."

He was born in Litchfield township, Medina Co., Ohio, September 24, 1846, a son of Abner Everitt, a native of Connecticut, born in Litchfield, April 15, 1798, a son of Abner Everitt, who was born May 12, 1764, and whose father, Daniel, was born in Connecticut in 1715. Abner, father of subject, was married in the "Nutmeg State," February 20, 1828, to Hannah Mallory, who was born in Litchfield county, May 7, 1809. He was

by occupation a farmer, and was proprietor of a grist and saw mill. About 1834 he and his family came to Genesee county, N. Y., and from there in 1836 to Ohio, making the journey by ox-team. They located in Litchfield township, where the father bought land, totally wild and unimproved. Here they had to blaze the trees to mark out the roads, etc., and in the midst of the somber forest they built them a log house of a very primitive style of architecture, but comfortable and commodious enough. Here the parents passed the remainder of their pioneer days, the father dying April 2, 1857, the mother December 25, 1888, and they rest from their labors in Litchfield cemetery. They were members of the M. E. Church. Politically Mr. Everitt was for a long time an Old-line Whig, in later years a Republican. In Connecticut children were born to them as follows: Nurania E., born September 24, 1829, widow of Hanson Cole, to whom she was married March 14, 1858, in Medina county, Ohio (she now lives in Fulton county); Jedidah, born April 29, 1831, deceased August 16, 1834; Augusta M., born November 17, 1834, died August 15, 1866. In Litchfield township, Medina county, the following were born: A son born February 6, 1837, died February 22, 1837; Jedidah H., born May 10, 1838, died December 19, 1860; Aaron M., born March 7, 1841, died July 30, 1842; Ambrose M., born November 14, 1843, enlisted September 15, 1862, at Cleveland, in Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Regiment O. V. I., was wounded May 15, 1864, at Resaca, Ga., and died June 8, 1864, in the hospital at Chattanooga, Tenn., and was buried in the Soldiers' cemetery (he served under Capt. G. W. Lewis, of Medina, Ohio, and took part in the following engagements: Spring Hill, Chickamauga, Brown's Ferry, Orchard Ridge, Rock Face Ridge and Resaca); Abner B., subject of this sketch; and Daniel Quincy, born August 26, 1849, died on the home farm July 5, 1872 (he was a school teacher).

From history written by Thirza J. Strong, aunt of our subject on his father's side, the following is taken: "My grandparents on my mother's side emigrated to this country in the early part of the seventeenth century, to enjoy religious freedom. In England they of my grandmother's family were some of the families of the Lords or Earls, selling all of their landed possessions, reserving only their silver service and jewels with their money. Settled in Massachusetts; four daughters only of the family. The oldest married Col. Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame. The second married Abraham Brownson, who was my grandfather. He was killed by being flung from a horse in the year 1785. My grandmother died at my father's in the year 1815, being between eighty and ninety years of age; Abigal Brownson by name. By this marriage there were three sons and two daughters, my mother being the oldest of the family. Her sister married Elias Merwin, and moved to the far west. Livona, in York State. She soon after died. My uncles were Deacon Myers Brownson, Abraham and Israel. None but Israel had any family. Three brothers Brownson came from England and bought a large tract of land in the town of Roxbury, Conn. Two of the brothers died, leaving my grandfather alone. Then he sold and moved to Bethlehem, Litchfield county, Connecticut, where my parents were married."

A. B. Everitt, whose name opens this sketch, was reared a farmer boy, and received his elementary education at the common schools and in those of the "Nevins District," which well prepared him for taking up the profession of school teaching. He taught in Seneca, Sandusky and Medina counties. Later he attended Oberlin College for about three terms, but prior to this he had been reading medicine at home, simply to gratify a natural desire he entertains for knowledge of that nature. These studies he continued under Dr. R. V. Gamble, of Liverpool, Ohio, and in

February, 1884, he received his diploma from Adelbert College, Cleveland, Ohio, and in the first class after the consolidation of the Wooster and Adelbert Colleges. In 1880 he left the home farm, where he had hitherto lived, and which had come into his possession, and made his residence in the village of Litchfield until 1889, in which year he came to Kipton, and has here since resided. During his stay at Litchfield he practiced medicine, and he has been very successful since coming to Kipton.

In March, 1880, Dr. Everitt was united in marriage with Miss Frankie A. Plank, who was born in Castorland, Lewis Co., N. Y., a daughter of Jacob Plank, a farmer. She was on a visit to relatives in Medina county, Ohio, when she and the Doctor "met by chance, the usual way." To Dr. A. B. and Frankie A. Everitt was born November 19, 1885, a daughter, Mary H. Our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Church, and in politics Dr. Everitt is a straight Republican. He is a member of Lodge No. 381, F. & A. M., at Litchfield, Ohio; of Wellington Lodge No. 44, K. of P., and of Tent No. 92, K. O. T. M., Kipton.

JAMES W. CHAPMAN, manager and secretary of the Ohio Co-operative Shear Company, Elyria, was born in Avon, Lorain Co., Ohio, July 5, 1846, the only child of Amasa and Catharine (Wood) Chapman.

The parents of our subject were both of English descent, and the father was born in Ashford, Conn., December 3, 1813, the mother in Chester, Mass., January 22, 1816. The maiden name of the grandmother of James W. Chapman, on the mother's side, was Betsey Brewster, and she was a direct descendant of William Elder Brewster, who came over in the "Mayflower."

The subject of this sketch was a boy of six when his father died. When he was eleven years old, his mother having remarried, the family removed to Castile, N. Y., where he remained until he was of age, when he returned to Ohio and settled in Elyria. Here he was engaged in loaning money, and attending to his property interests until 1882, at which time the Ohio Shear Company was organized, and he was elected to the managership, which position he held until the company was dissolved and the Ohio Co-operative Shear Company organized. He was then chosen manager of this company, and continued in that incumbency until January, 1890, when he was chosen manager and secretary of the company, which position he occupies at the present time. In politics he is a strong protectionist and a stanch Republican.

On July 25, 1867, Mr. Chapman was married to Margaret A. Darling, daughter of Joshua H. Darling, president of the First National Bank of Warsaw, N. Y., who was the son of Judge Joshua Darling, of Henniker, N. H. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, viz.: Robert Mosher, William Brewster, Grace Darling, Arthur Wood and Alice Darling. The family are members of the First Congregational Church of Elyria, and are active workers in that organization.

The works of the OHIO CO-OPERATIVE SHEAR COMPANY are situated in the west part of the town of Elyria, on the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling tracks near their junction with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern R. R. The buildings consist of three large structures, in addition to the boiler and engine rooms, the whole covering an area of some ten thousand feet, and the works are divided into ten departments. The main building is two and a half stories, with a frontage of fifty feet, running back one hundred and fifty feet, the rear part of the building being one story high. The engine room is eighteen feet square, containing a seventy-five-horse power engine and boiler. There are two

other buildings, one 16 x 30, the other 20 x 40, in which are kept the raw materials from which the shears and scissors are manufactured. The present company was organized seven years ago, and started with about forty employes. The business has so increased that now there are seventy-five employes with a monthly pay roll of over twenty-five hundred dollars.

JOHN SCOTT. In the land of the Scots, of which the poets have so often sung, the "land of the mountain and the flood," and in the county of Dumfries, was born April 8, 1819, the gentleman whose name here appears.

He is a son of Walter Scott, also a native of Dumfriesshire, born in 1780, a son of John Scott, who lived to be over ninety-seven years of age, and who was a shepherd on the muirs and hills of Scotland. Walter Scott married Miss Mary Burton, of the same county, a daughter of Henry Burton, and the children of this union, all born in Scotland, were Helen, deceased in Scotland; Jane, widow of Robert Brannan, of Ionia, Mich.; Henry, of Kipton, Lorain county; John, subject of this sketch; Walter G., of Kipton; and William, who died in his native country. The father was by trade a stonemason, which he followed for several years in his native land, and he was also a "carrier," doing errands, principally of a commercial character, buying, carting, delivering and marketing goods for the people along his particular route. In 1826 he came alone to the United States, landing in New York with but three half-pence (three cents) in his pocket. He at once obtained work, however, at his trade, but later he hired out as a hostler for a country tavern, and managed to save some money. Having now three hundred dollars, he decided to send for his wife and family, and accordingly proceeded to New York in order to secure their passage, but falling in with a bogus "captain," the latter swindled him out of every cent of his savings. He had no recourse now except to go to work as before, which he did, saving his money until he had another sum of three hundred dollars laid by. In 1830 he returned to Scotland, and in April set sail with the family, arriving in Quebec after a passage of six weeks on the "Mary Ann." From Quebec they moved westward to Montreal, thence to St. John's, near that city, and from there by Lake Champlain to Ontario county, N. Y., near the foot of Seneca Lake, and here the entire family, except our subject, were seized with fever and ague. In the spring of 1834 they set out for Ohio via Erie Canal and Lake Erie to Huron, Ohio. In Camden township, Lorain county, Walter Scott bought fifty acres of wild land for two dollars per acre, and here erected a temporary shelter, very rough and primitive, which was succeeded by a more pretentious cabin in which they passed their first winter in these parts. This stood on the site of our subject's present home, and here the parents died, the father in January, 1877, the mother in November, 1847, and they lie buried in Camden cemetery. They were Presbyterians, and in politics he was a Democrat.

The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, and received the greater part of his education in his native country. At the age of twenty-one he expressed a desire to leave home, but his father prevailed on him to remain, which he did, and with true filial piety cared for his parents in their declining years, at his father's death falling heir to the home farm of fifty acres. This he has since increased to 120 acres, and has in all his labor made a success.

On December 22, 1842, Mr. Scott was united in marriage with Climena J. Whitney, who bore him five children, viz.: Mary L., Mrs. Charles Buckley, of Henrietta township; Jane, deceased; Helen, Mrs. Charles Arnold, of Denver, Colo.; Frances, Mrs. Leando Bates, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and John H., of Cleveland, Ohio. On August 27, 1854, the mother of these died, and she now reposes

in Camden cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Scott married, in 1855, Sarah A. Shattuc, who died in September, 1880, and in 1881 he was wedded to his present wife, Hannah E. (Brumby). In politics our subject is a Democrat, and he has held various township offices. He is a member of the Methodist Church, of which he is steward, and enjoys the respect of the entire community. Mr. Scott is remarkable for his kind-heartedness and generosity, has never had a lawsuit, never sued anyone, and has never been sued.

WM. A. BRAMAN, a leading and progressive citizen of Lorain county, is a native of the same, born in Carlisle township October 4, 1836. His grandparents, on his father's side, had come from Genesee county, N. Y., to Avon township, Lorain county, in 1822.

Anson Braman, father of subject, was born May 30, 1811, in Genesee county, N. Y., whence in 1822 he removed to Avon township, Lorain county, and from there to Carlisle township, where he followed the vocation of farmer and nurseryman. In 1855 he came to Elyria, same county, and here carried on the nursery business until 1872, when he moved to Northport, Mich. In 1835, at Carlisle, Lorain county, he married Miss Emeline Vincent, a native of Massachusetts, born October 10, 1818, at Mt. Washington, Berkshire county, removing with her parents to Carlisle, Lorain Co., Ohio, in 1834. Their eldest child is the subject of these lines.

W. A. Braman passed the first twenty-one years of his life on the home farm, at intervals attending the schools of the neighborhood, and then, being desirous of securing better education, he worked by the month on other farms; teaching school during the winter gave him the necessary funds with which to gratify his desires, and thus glided past six more years of his life. In 1864 he commenced the business of live-stock dealing, which he followed until 1870, in partnership with J. E. Boynton and J. C. Hill; then with J. E. Boynton was engaged in the purchase and sale of cheese. During the spring of 1874 was founded the firm of Braman, Horr & Warner, for the manufacture of and general dealing in butter and cheese, which firm became one of the largest in northern Ohio.

On April 27, 1865, Mr. Braman was united in marriage with Miss Sophia E. Patterson, then twenty-one years of age, daughter of Hiram Patterson, and children as follows have been born to them: Theodore W., in 1867; Charles M., in 1869 (he is cashier of the Savings Bank at Medina); and Belle Louise, in 1872. This union has proved a most fortunate and happy one. Mrs. Braman, a most estimable woman, has done well her part in contributing to the happiness of their pleasant home.

Mr. Braman has earned success by his enterprise, natural shrewdness and well-established reputation for integrity. He stands prominently among the foremost business men of the county, and the several institutions with which he has been closely in touch attest his eminent qualities as a counselor and financier in their unbroken line of successes. He enjoys a very wide acquaintance throughout the county, and has hosts of friends who have shown their appreciation of his qualifications for official positions by electing him from time to time to various offices of trust in Lorain county, among which may be mentioned: County commissioner, one term; county treasurer, four years from 1876; township trustee and city councilman for several years; has been president of the Lorain County Agricultural Society seven years, and for a much longer period one of its officers; is present president of the Farmers' Institute of Lorain County; for twenty years was a director in the Elyria Savings Deposit Bank Co., of

Hon. A. Braman

which he was one of the founders, has been a member of the finance committee from its organization, and is now vice-president; has been a member of the Union School board nineteen years, and president of same a considerable time. In the House of Representatives he served four years (1887–91), throughout which entire period he was on the finance committee, and during his service in the Sixty-eighth General Assembly many bills of importance were introduced and passed, including laws affecting Temperance and Sunday observance, largely through his influence, as of such matters he is a pronounced champion. Mr. Braman is what may be termed a Temperance Republican, taking an active interest in all moral questions. Since September 1, 1891, he has been president of the Republican Printing Co., and editor of the Elyria *Republican*, the oldest newspaper in the county, and enjoying the largest circulation, which, as well as its general business, has rapidly increased during the last few years of its existence.

Mr. Braman has dealt largely in real estate, and has been very active in all business matters. But few men have come more directly in contact with the financial interests of Lorain county, and none have commanded more completely the respect and confidence of the community at large. He has risen by his own individual efforts and may justly be styled "a self-made man." His wide circle of friends and acquaintances confidently bespeak for him a long-continued active career.

ALVIN PELTON, one of the leading and most highly esteemed farmer citizens of Russia township, is a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, born in the town of Gustavus December 1, 1819.

Harvey Pelton, father of subject, was born in Connecticut, and was twelve years old when his father, Josiah, brought him to Trumbull county, they being among the first settlers there. He was reared to farming, and learned the trade of chair maker. In Ohio he was married to Miss Mary Bailey, who was born in Pittsburgh, Penn., where her parents had tarried while *en route* to Ohio. After marriage the young couple located on the old homestead farm, which the husband worked on, at same time occasionally following his trade. The children born to them were as follows: Seth, in Cheboygan, Wis.; Alvin, subject proper of sketch; Russell, a retired farmer of Waupaca, Wis.; Miranda, widow of W. F. Lawrence, of Sioux City, Minn.; Mary B., Mrs. John Cisson, of Minnesota; Abigail E., who married Henry Wilbur, died in Michigan; Samuel N., a harness maker of Pomona, Cal.; Martha, Mrs. J. B. Lake, of St. Louis. Mo.; and Lydia A., who died at the age of eighteen. The father died May 10, 1837, of rapid consumption, although he had been in feeble health for many years, and was buried at Russell, Geauga Co., Ohio, whither he had moved in the fall of 1833, and bought a piece of new land, which was being cleared up.

The subject of this sketch received a common-school education, and was reared a farmer boy. As he was but a youth when his father died, and next the eldest in the family, he went to work pretty early in life, in order to provide for his younger brothers and sisters, and his widowed mother. He found plenty to do in assisting to clear the land of timber and brush, chopping down trees, etc., for which he received twenty-five cents per day. Thus he remained at the old home until he was married, after which he located on fifty acres left for his mother, who went west to Cheboygan, Wis., where she died in 1858, and was there buried. In the spring of 1855 our subject sold his farm in Geauga county, Ohio, and moved to Russia township, Lorain county, where he bought his present valuable farm of ninety-four and a half acres. Here he has since resided, with

the exception of three and one half years he lived in Oberlin, same county, while having his younger daughter educated at the college there. For the past eighteen years he has been engaged in the manufacture of cheese, and has met with every success in both that and his general farming operations.

On April 3, 1851, Mr. Pelton was married in Geauga county, Ohio, to Caroline McFarland, daughter of Abel and Olive (Randall) McFarland, natives, the father of Massachusetts, the mother of New York State. The latter died when her daughter Caroline was fifteen years old, and the orphan girl afterward made her home with some of her sisters. The following named children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Pelton: Clarence H., a farmer of Russia township; Flora, who was married to Milliard Franks, and died in Michigan; and Carrie M., now Mrs. Harry Cook, of Oberlin, Ohio. Mr. Pelton is a Republican, and invariably declines political preferment. Mrs. Pelton is a member of the Methodist Church.

MRS. ELIZABETH W. (RUSSELL) LORD, assistant principal of the Woman's Department, Oberlin (Ohio) College, was born at Kirtland, Ohio, April 28, 1819, the eldest child of Alpheus C. and Elizabeth (Conant) Russell, natives of Massachusetts, the father of Hampshire county, the mother of Berkshire county.

The subject of this memoir received her elementary education in the public schools, after which she became the pupil of Rev. Truman Coe, pastor of the Congregational Church at Kirtland, Ohio. In 1838 she came to Oberlin, Lorain county, and at the college located there finished her education. On July 21, 1842, she was married to Dr. Asa D. Lord, and they returned to Kirtland, where she assisted him in his work in the Western Reserve Teachers' Seminary at that place. In 1847 they moved to Columbus, Ohio, in order to establish in that city a system of graded public schools, the first of the kind in the State. When the high school opened, Mrs. Lord became the first principal, and she and her husband remained in connection with the public schools until 1856, when Dr. Lord was given charge of the Institution for the Blind there, in which labor Mrs. Lord assisted him till 1868, when he left that institution to organize the new State Institution for the Blind at Batavia, N. Y. With this last named they were connected till 1875, the year of his death, he as superintendent and she as teacher, and Mrs. Lord then succeeded him as superintendent. Mrs. Lord performed the duties of that important office until the fall of 1877, when she no longer deemed it best to act as superintendent. Her resignation was reluctantly accepted, on condition that she remain in the institution. In this connection we here give an extract from the superintendent's report to the trustees of the New York State Institution for the Blind, showing in a measure the high esteem in which Mrs. Lord was held by all concerned, the several resolutions being adopted and printed as a part of the regular report:

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this board, the connection of Mrs. Asa D. Lord with this institution for the last nine years, first as teacher and afterward as superintendent, has contributed largely to its success, and by her wise administration of its interests she has shown herself eminently fitted to conduct the education of the blind.

"*Resolved*, That in voluntarily withdrawing from the institution she bears with her the high esteem of this board as a conscientious and accomplished Christian lady, and their best wishes for her in any station of usefulness in which she may hereafter be placed. Permit me to place on record along with these resolutions a fact which recently came to my knowledge,

viz.: that Mrs. Lord has certainly taught more blind persons to read than any other single teacher of the blind in this land, and probably more than any other in the world."

After a few months with her only child, Mrs. Henry Fisk Tarbox, of Batavia, N. Y., Mrs. Lord returned to the institution, and spent five more years in labors for the blind. In 1884 she was appointed to her present position of assistant principal of the Woman's Department of Oberlin College, a position in which she gives eminent satisfaction. In 1890 she gave eleven thousand dollars toward the building of Lord Cottage at Oberlin. Mrs. Lord is a member of the Second Congregational Church.

Dr. Asa D. Lord was born in Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., June 17, 1816, and the early years of his life were spent on the farm, and in attending the district school. The death of his father, when he was but two years of age, left the direction of his education to his mother—a gifted woman and an experienced teacher. At the age of seventeen he taught his first school, and subsequently pursued a course of study at Potsdam (N. Y.) Academy. In 1837 he moved to Ohio, and in the village of Willoughby opened a private school, and the following year entered the Sophomore class in Western Reserve College. In 1839 he was chosen principal of the Western Reserve Teachers' Seminary, at Kirtland, Ohio, a position he filled for eight years with characteristic ability and skill. In 1843 he formed a teachers' class, composed of teachers in the vicinity, and pupils in the seminary who intended to teach. This was the first teachers' institute in Ohio, and one of the first in the country. Three years later he attended and assisted in conducting the first teachers' institute in Jackson county, Mich. While principal of the Western Reserve Teachers' Seminary he studied medicine, attending lectures at the Willoughby Medical College, from which he received a diploma; but he never entered upon regular practice. In 1846 he gave to life the "Ohio School Journal," publishing the first volume in Kirtland, and continuing it in Columbus. He remained in journalistic work in the cause of education for ten years—from 1846 to 1856—editing in the meantime other journals of a kindred nature. But his editorial labors did not engross the whole of his time. In 1847 he accepted the position of superintendent of public schools of Columbus. He was an instructor and lecturer in the first Institutes held in the State of Ohio, and was one of the organizers of the Ohio Teachers' Association. At the close of 1853 he resigned the superintendency of the Columbus schools to accept the position of agent for the State Teachers' Association, but in 1855 was again elected superintendent. In 1856 he once more resigned to accept the position of superintendent of the Ohio Institution for the Blind, which under his able direction soon took rank among the first of its kind in the land. While connected with that institution he studied theology, and in 1863 was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Franklin. After over twelve years' experience as an instructor of the blind in Ohio, Dr. Lord was given charge of the new State Institution for the Blind at Batavia, N. Y., where he remained its zealous, kind-hearted, philanthropic superintendent and instructor up to the time of his death, which occurred March 7, 1875. He died beloved and esteemed by all, and the world will truly be better because it has once felt the inspiration of his life and presence.

Rev. CHARLES H. CHURCHILL, A. M., Professor of Physics and Astronomy, and occupying the Jas. F. Clark professorship in Oberlin College, was born in Lyme, N. H., August 21, 1824, a son of David C. and Polly (Franklin) Churchill.

His grandfather, Francis Churchill, was a carpenter, and a soldier of the Revolutionary war, who first saw the light in 1758, at Plymouth, Mass., where his ancestors for three generations had also been born. The grandfather Franklin, born in 1750, was a blacksmith. He, too, served in the Revolution. These all were God-fearing, faithful, loyal and valued citizens. David C. Churchill, the father, was an associate judge in Grafton county, N. H., for nearly twenty years. All his twelve brothers and sisters, children of one mother, were married and had large families.

The subject of this memoir received his elementary education in the public schools of his native town, fitting for college at Meriden Academy. He entered Dartmouth College in 1841, and graduated in 1845. He has since been made a member of the Pi Beta Phi, an honorary Society of Alumni. For the following five years he was Principal of the Academy of Brooklyn Center, near Cleveland, Ohio, and of the first High School in what is now West Cleveland. Here he was married and his first child was born. Then entering the Seminary at Oberlin, he studied theology under Drs. Mahan, Morgan and Finney; supporting himself and family by teaching music, drawing and languages. Graduating from Theology in 1853, he was appointed Professor of Greek and French in what soon after became Hillsdale College, occupying this Chair from 1853 to 1859. From his marriage to Mary J. Turner, daughter of Dea. T. P. Turner, of Oberlin, were born Charles C. Churchill, at Cleveland, in 1847; Franklin H., at Oberlin, in 1852; Frederick A., at Hillsdale, in 1856, and Mary Lucretia, at Hillsdale, in 1858. During that year Mrs. Churchill died, and the bereaved husband was called to the Chair made vacant in Oberlin College by the transfer of James H. Fairchild to the Theological department. To the duties of his professorship Mr. Churchill joined the training of the free class in vocal music sustained by the college, and the leadership of the great choir of the church, then the only one in the place, upon which also devolved the work of supplying the music for commencement occasions. After the founding of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Professor Churchill resigned that portion of his labors, and, as he had always done while in Michigan, gave himself to preaching on the Sabbath wherever the opportunity offered. At one time for several months he ministered regularly to the 2d Congregational Church in Oberlin; has preached often at the 1st Church, and often in Wellington, Elyria, Cleveland, Brownhelm, Wakeman, Pittsfield, Sandusky, Toledo and many other towns. For two years he preached regularly to the Congregational Church in New London, Ohio.

In the fall of 1859 Mr. Churchill was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Vance, of Lima, Ind., a daughter of Lewis and Henrietta Vance. The fruit of that marriage has been four sons and one daughter, all born in Oberlin: Edward P., who graduated in 1881, is now a business man in Weeping Water, Neb.; Alfred V., who left college to pursue art studies in Europe three years, is now a teacher of art in St. Louis, Mo.; Nelson, who entered Oberlin College in the class of '92, died in his Freshman year, at twenty years of age; Mary has recently graduated from the Kindergarten Normal Training class, Armour Institute, Chicago, and from the Post-Graduate class; Carroll, the youngest, is a member of the class of '97, Oberlin College. Of the children by the first marriage Charles C. graduated from college in 1867, entered soon upon the work of civil engineering, and married Miss Ella Durand, who bore him a daughter, Grace (he died at the age of twenty-four); Franklin H. left school to engage in business, and married Miss Hattie Reddington, by whom he has three daughters (he is now a salesman in the music store of Lyon & Potter, of Chicago); Frederick A., graduating from college in 1878 and from the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College in

1883, married Miss Martha Blanke, by whom he has two children (he is now a practising physician in Seattle, Washington).

Professor Churchill is widely known in Ohio as a lecturer on Astronomy and other scientific subjects; has held Teachers' Institutes in a large number of counties, and in some of them many times. He has been at different times and for years president of the Congregational Society of the 1st Church at Oberlin; member of the common council, and president of the school board. He is now one of the very few survivors of the earlier members of the Faculty of the college.

JOHN WELLER (deceased). This gentleman, who has left as permanent monuments to his memory not a few trophies of his architectural genius, was a native of England, born in the county of Sussex, May 8, 1833, and died in Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, October 11, 1890.

When about seventeen years of age he came to America, and in Ohio learned the trade of stone mason, at which he worked by the day and job till 1857, when he commenced business as a stone contractor. Among the evidences of his handiwork may be mentioned the water-tower at Elyria; the east and west viaducts for the Public Highway at the same place, the east viaduct being said by civil engineers and architects to be next to the largest stone arch in the world, of its height. He built also the Episcopal Church at Elyria, which is a model of rustic architecture, and he did a great deal of other similar work in various parts of Ohio. His death was lamented by a host of citizens besides the members of his family. In 1857 he was married to Miss Mary McCollum, born in Steuben county, N. Y., and five children, as follows, were born to them: May E., wife of Alexander Lamberton, of Elyria, Ohio, who has five children—George A., Robert Wesley, Edith, Harold and Lucile; George L. (superintendent of the Elyria Water Works, sketch of whom immediately follows); and Wesley, Alice and John, at home. The children are all marked for their intelligence, natural acumen and industrious habits. The boys have inherited the mechanical genius of their father, and are following, to a certain degree, in his footsteps. They are stanch Republicans, as was their father before them, and believe in the protection of American labor.

Mrs. Weller, who is now residing with her three youngest children in the vicinity of Elyria, is a daughter of Alexander and Mary (Gilchrist) McCollum, both natives of Argyle, N. Y., the father born in 1793, the latter on December 3, 1801. They lived in Steuben county, N. Y., till about forty years ago, when they came to Lorain county, Ohio, locating in Elyria, where Mr. McCollum followed his trade, that of miller, and died in April, 1870. He and many of his immediate relatives took an active part in the war of 1812, he being but a youth of nineteen when engaged at the battle of Plattsburg, on Lake Champlain. His mother's people, McDougalls of Argyle, took an equally active part in all those troublous scenes of the early Colonial warfare; and it is recorded that they did much and appreciated work at the forts along the Hudson and many other places. Both of Mrs. Weller's great-grandfathers were born in Scotland, and the McCollums were among the early colonists of Argyle township, Washington Co., N. Y., it having been given by the Duke of Argyle to a certain number of Scotch families. Her great-grandfather, Col. Gilchrist, came to America with Gen. Abercrombie, and served under him at the battle of Ticonderoga in 1758; he was related to the brave Gen. Duncan Campbell, who was killed in that engagement. After the war Col. Gilchrist settled at Fort Edward, N. Y., where he died.

GEORGE L. WELLER, superintendent and engineer of the Elyria Water-Works, and machinist for the Mussey Stone Co., is a native of Lorain county, born in the city of Elyria March 28, 1864.

From early boyhood he worked with his father, attending at the same time the public schools of Elyria, after which he took a business course at Oberlin College, and one in penmanship at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He then learned the trade of stone-mason with his father, which he followed till four years ago, having done work on all, or nearly all, the large stone contracts in Elyria and surrounding country. In 1889 he was appointed to his present position at the Elyria Water-Works, which he is eminently qualified to fill, and in addition to his duties there does all the work in his line for the Mussey Stone Co.

Mr. Weller was married July 19, 1893, to Miss Ida Alma Black, of Vermillion, Ohio, an accomplished young lady in music and the art of home making. Mr. Weller is a Republican, but has no time to devote actively to politics, having kept close to business all his life. He has invented a rock-drilling tool which he has assigned to others, and which, it is claimed, saves one-third of the cost of quarrying rock. He has also recently invented a rock-drilling engine, which is proving a very successful machine for quarry work.

HENRY BASSETT (deceased) was in his lifetime one of the best known and most highly respected of the farmer citizens of Lorain county, having been a resident of Eaton township for nearly sixty years.

Mr. Bassett was born in Seneca county, N. Y., in 1814, a son of Daniel and Phebe (Covert) Bassett, natives of the same county, where they were married, and whence, in 1834, they came with their family to Lorain county, Ohio, making a settlement in Eaton township. The father died at LaPorte in 1846, the mother in Eaton township at the age of eighty-two.

Our subject was reared and educated in New York State, and was twenty years old when he came with his parents to Eaton township. Here he followed farming all his life. On November 5, 1835, he was married in Carlisle township, Lorain county, to Miss Betsy E. Slauter, who was born in 1818, in Luzerne county, Penn., a daughter of Jared and Sarah (Curtis) Slauter, natives of Stockbridge, Mass., where they married, and whence in an early day they came west to Luzerne county, Penn., and in 1826 to Carlisle township, Lorain county, by team, Mrs. Bassett, then eight years old, walking the greater part of the way. Here Mr. and Mrs. Slauter passed the rest of their days, he dying some eight years after his wife. They had born to them a family of ten children, viz.: Ephraim, who went to Wisconsin, where he died; Lydia, deceased wife of Everett Stoddard, an early settler of Eaton township; Mary Ann, deceased; Sarah, wife of Henry Warner, who moved to Whitehall, Wis.; Betsy E., widow of Henry Bassett; Henry, who died in Wisconsin; Jared, who died in Carlisle township, Lorain county; Jane, wife of D. L. Gibbs, of Carlisle township; Olive, wife of R. Gibbs, also of Carlisle township; and Hiram, a resident of LaPorte, Lorain county, Ohio.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bassett were born thirteen children, all of whom grew to maturity, and of whom the following is a brief record: (1) Charlotte is the wife of Anson Lines, of Grafton township; they have two children—Julia and Mina. (2) Caroline is the wife of John Hart, of Elyria. (3) Sarah is the wife of Sylvester Tompkins. (4) Charley died in 1879. (5) Daniel is married, and resides in Defiance county, Ohio. (6) Ollie, who was married to Lemuel Barlow, died in Lorain county. (7) Frankie is married to Nathaniel Benedict, of Michigan. (8) Julia is the wife of Marion Sutliff, of Elyria.

(9) Edwin is married, and resides in Eaton township. (10) George, who married Adelpha Pember, resides near the old home. (11) Cerepta was first married to P. Crowell, and after his decease to Edwin Welton; they reside in Elyria. (12) Clara is the wife of Charley Morse, of Elyria. (13) Alice is the wife of Frank Jackson, of Eaton township.

Mr. Bassett departed this life in 1891, a lifelong, energetic and active Republican, one who held many offices of trust in his township. Mrs. Bassett taught the second school in Eaton township, and is widely known and respected. She has lived to see seventeen great-grandchildren.

D. G. WILDER, M. D., a well-known member of the medical profession in Oberlin, was born December 15, 1846, in Oneida county, N. Y., son of Dr. David and E. A. (Williams) Wilder. The father, who was also a physician, was a native of New York, and died in 1850, in Chenango county, same State. The mother, who is a native of England, is now living in Madison county, N. Y. The Wilder family were originally natives of Massachusetts.

D. G. Wilder, subject of this memoir, was brought to De Ruyter, Madison Co., N. Y., at the age of six years, and resided there until he reached the age of nineteen. He received his primary education in the common schools of that place, and in 1866 entered the Preparatory department of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, where he remained for three years. He then studied medicine for one year, and in 1870 entered Hillsdale College, where he took a scientific course, graduating with the class of 1872. He next went to Cleveland, where he continued the study of medicine in the office of Drs. Boynton and Van-Norman, until February, 1873, when he graduated from the Homeopathic Medical College, Cleveland. He commenced the practice of his chosen profession in Cuyahoga county, and after residing for three years in Bedford removed to Fremont, Ohio, thence to Cleveland, where he practiced in the Western Reserve for nearly twenty years. In September, 1888, he came to Oberlin, Lorain county, where he has since been actively engaged in the duties of his profession with marked success.

On August 25, 1874, the Doctor was married, in Cleveland, to Miss Alma Hickox, a native of Columbia township, Lorain county, who graduated from Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio. Her parents, Eri and Alma (Hoadley) Hickox, were natives of Connecticut, and in a very early day migrated westward to Columbia township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. Hickox followed farming, and served for many years as justice of the peace; in religion he and his wife were both Methodists. Mrs. Wilder's maternal grandfather, Hoadley, erected the first frame house in Columbia township. To Dr. and Mrs. Wilder have been born three children, namely: David Horace, now attending Oberlin Academy; Jennie Elizabeth, also attending Oberlin Academy; and Witt Hoadley. Socially our subject is a member of Oberlin Lodge No. 678, I. O. O. F., and also of Oberlin Tent No. 111, K. O. T. M., and is at present commander of the Tent and Medical Examiner. He is also an examiner for the N. E. Mutual Life Insurance Co., and the State Mutual of Worcester, Mass. In politics he is a Prohibitionist. The Doctor and his family are members of the First M. E. Church of Oberlin.

CHARLES E. SUTLIFF, dealer in coal, contractor and owner of several teams for heavy hauling, etc., is one of Wellington's (Lorain county) most energetic and wide-awake enterprising business men. He was born in Ionia, Mich., February 16, 1845, a son of William H. H. and Phœbe D. (Gott) Sutliff.

Our subject attended the district schools of his native place and Wellington township, Lorain county, and was reared on a farm. For some years he carried on general agriculture, including dairying, in all of which he was very successful, and moving into the town of Wellington, he here embarked in his present businesses, the first of many experimenters in the coal line to make a permanent success. Although he has had many competitors in that branch, yet they have all succumbed to his superior business attainments, and he now controls the entire coal trade in Wellington and vicinity, having by his correct business methods won the confidence of the citizens.

In 1868 Mr. Sutliff was married to Miss Mary Jane Hoffman, a native of New London, Huron Co., Ohio, and two children have come to brighten their home, viz.: May E. and Floyd E. Politically our subject is a Republican, and although his many business interests will not permit him to participate much in his party's campaigns, yet he is looked upon as a strong man on the Republican ticket should he consent to nomination for office, or otherwise. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church, and their deeds of charity to the poor and needy are too well known to require comment.

DAVID J. NYE, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, of the District embracing Lorain, Medina and Summit counties, Ohio, is a son of Curtis F. and Jerusha (Walkup) Nye, natives of Vermont.

The parents of Judge Nye were married at Otto, N. Y., April 12, 1841, and first settled upon a farm in Chautauqua county, whence they removed to Cattaraugus county, and settled upon the farm where they remained until their death. They had four children: Webster Kimball Nye, born October 13, 1842; David J. Nye, born December 8, 1843; Sidney P. Nye, born November 22, 1846; and William Curtis Nye, born February 28, 1851. Webster K. Nye and Sidney P. Nye both volunteered their service in the war of the Rebellion. Webster K. enlisted in the Second Ohio Cavalry, and was afterward transferred to the Twenty-fifth Ohio Battery, remaining until the close of the war, when he settled in Bradford, Penn., where he now lives. Sidney P. was a member of the Sixteenth New York Cavalry, and died while in the service at Alexandria, Va., July 21, 1864. William Curtis Nye now lives in Texas.

David J. Nye, the subject of this sketch, was born at Ellicott, Chautauqua Co., N. Y. He was raised upon a farm, and when seventeen years of age enlisted in the first military company that went out from his town in 1861; but owing to the objection of his parents, his elder brother being then in the army, the officer refused to muster him into service, and he returned home.

Up to the year 1862 he attended the district school at his home, during the winter terms, and worked upon the farm in the summer; but in the winter of that year he decided to secure other and better advantages. In pursuance of that purpose, he entered, in the spring of that year, the academy at Randolph, N. Y., where he remained until his money, which he had earned and saved for that purpose, was expended; then went back to the farm, and worked during the summer in haying and harvesting, returning to Randolph in the fall.

The following winter, 1862–63, he taught school in one of the districts of his neighborhood, while the next spring and summer again found him engaged in work on the farm. In the fall of 1863 he returned to Randolph Academy, and in the winter of 1863–64 he taught school near Randolph. Coming to Ohio in 1864, he immediately engaged in teaching in Cuyahoga county. After closing his school, he

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returned to New York State, where he remained but a short time, when he returned to Ohio, and again took a school at Boston, Summit county, teaching here during the winter of 1865–66. In February of 1866 he entered the Preparatory Department of Oberlin College. Teaching winters, and pursuing his studies summers, he was able to enter Oberlin College in 1867. He taught school every winter, except one, from 1862 to 1870.

In 1870 Judge Nye accepted the position of superintendent of the Public School at Milan, Ohio, where with his labors he found time to study, and graduated with his class at Oberlin in August, 1871. In the Milan schools he continued another year, and in addition to his work there took up the study of law, which he had early chosen as his life's profession, and was admitted to the Bar at Elyria, Ohio, in August, 1872. As before stated, he was graduated at Oberlin College in 1871, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in July, 1883, the College conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts.

From the time that Judge Nye entered Randolph Academy until he was admitted to the Bar, he paid his way with the fruits of his own labors, receiving no financial aid from any other source. In October, 1872, he went to Emporia, Kans., and opened a law office, remaining there until March, 1873, when he returned to Elyria, Ohio, and went into the office of Hon. John C. Hale, where he remained a year, pursuing his legal studies and doing such professional business as came to him. In March, 1874, he opened a law office in the Ely Block, and from that time on until he went upon the Bench in 1892, he was in the constant practice of his profession, building up a good practice, his clients being among the best citizens of Lorain county.

In 1873 he was appointed county-school examiner, a position he held four years. He was a member of the council of the village of Elyria four years. In 1881 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Lorain county, which office he held one term. In April, 1890, he was elected a member of the Board of Education, in which capacity he served until he went upon the Bench. In January, 1891, at a meeting of the members of the Bar of Lorain county, he was selected, as the choice of the members of the legal profession of his own county, as their candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. In July following he was nominated for that office at Medina, was elected in November, and entered upon the discharge of his duties February 9, 1892.

On the fifteenth of September, 1880, Judge Nye was united in marriage to Miss Luna Fisher, at Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Nye was a daughter of the late Alfred Fisher, one of the early pioneers of Cuyahoga county, who emigrated from Vermont in 1817. Mrs. Nye is a true and faithful wife and a devoted mother. Two children, David F., born October 27, 1882, and Horace H., born August 4, 1884, have come to brighten their home.

Judge Nye always has a word of encouragement for the young, and in his own family he is affectionate and indulgent. He is extremely fond of children, and his two boys are his constant companions when they are out of school and at home.

Early in life, when Judge Nye was only a boy, he became impressed with the principles of Freemasonry, and conceived the idea of becoming a member of that Order. At the early age of twenty-one years he made application to, and joined, the Lodge nearest his home in New York.

Since locating in Elyria he has taken the advanced degrees in that Order. He is now a member of the Lodge and Chapter at Elyria, a member of Oriental Commandery of Knights Templar of Cleveland, and of the Order of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites of the same city.

In politics he has always been a faithful and consistent Republican, and from his early manhood till the present time he has

advocated the cause and principles to Republicanism. In this, he has been consistent and straightforward, believing that the success of that party was for the best interests of the country. Although he is unswerving in his devotion to his political principles, the Judge is too broad and liberal minded to let party affiliations bias his judgment or interfere with personal relations. Some of his warmest and most earnest personal friends are found in the ranks of other political parties.

Judge Nye has now been upon the bench only two years, and during that time he has presided at the trials of very many difficult and closely-contested cases. He has shown by his administration that he is peculiarly adapted to the position which he now occupies. He is entirely unassuming in his manner upon the bench, and seldom interferes with the attorneys during the trial of their causes. He has been heard to say that he did not propose to try either side of a case. He makes himself thoroughly familiar with the law of every case that is tried before him. The attorneys are always treated with kindness and courtesy, and their arguments are listened to and considered by him with patience and attention. In his decisions he is open and frank, but he is always careful not to irritate or offend the persons against whom he decides. He has a mild and gentle expression, and is always considerate of the feelings of others. There is an open candor about his decisions that impresses the listener with the sincerity of his convictions. He is thoroughly honest, and every decision made by him is the fruit of his best judgment and careful consideration.

In the trial of Jury cases he is especially careful in all his rulings and conduct not to intimate to the jury, or allow them to know, what he thinks about the case. In his charges he gives the law to the jury in a plain, clear manner, but leaves them to determine the facts. He never attempts to control their decision, but rather tries to conceal his opinion from them; and when the verdict is rendered, the parties and attorneys feel that they have had a fair and impartial trial. Comparatively few of the cases that are tried before him are taken up to a reviewing Court. His decisions have seldom been reversed when so reviewed.

Although Judge Nye had made a success at the practice of his profession, and was thoroughly familiar with the law, he had many misgivings of his own fitness and adaptability for the Bench. But his brief term as a judge, his patience, candor, and painstaking manner, have given the members of the Bar and the people confidence in his ability and integrity. His prospects for the future in his new calling seem very bright. His industrious habits and untiring energy are indications of a prosperous career.

Judge Nye is a man of gentlemanly demeanor, always meeting his associates, both in the social circle and in business pursuits, with a cordial and friendly bearing, which has won for him the respect and friendship of every one who knows him. As a servant of the Public, he has discharged the duties of every position in which he has been placed with a painstaking fidelity that has secured for him the unlimited confidence and respect of the people whom he has faithfully served.

J. B. SMITH, editor and proprietor of the Wellington (Lorain county) *Enterprise*, is a native of Ohio, born in Cardington township, Morrow county, January 1, 1845.

William Smith, father of subject, was born in Berks county, Penn., September 4, 1809, and was reared in Guernsey county, Ohio, whither his parents brought him in 1811. In 1831 he married Miss Elizabeth Speck, a native of Guernsey county, born there October 8, 1813, and in 1839 they moved to Morrow county, same State,

where the father died August 10, 1884. He was a strong Abolitionist, and in religion originally a member of the Friends, but having married outside of the Society he forfeited membership. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Cynthia, wife of C. Farlee; Finley, a carpenter by trade, in Dakota; Thomas and Sarah, both deceased; Mary Frances; Julia; J. B., subject of this sketch; Augustus, deceased; Emily, wife of Elmer Kingman; Leander, a pharmacist, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Henry C., a farmer of Cardington, Ohio; and Ollie, wife of E. M. James.

J. B. Smith, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared and educated in his native county, and his first start in life was as telegraph operator at Greenwich, Huron Co., Ohio. In 1883, in the same town, he embarked in the newspaper business, in which he remained till 1885, when he came to Wellington and bought out the *Enterprise*, which is a strictly party paper, radically Republican in its views, newsy and well edited.

In 1874 Mr. Smith was united in marriage in Huron county, Ohio, with Miss Adelaide L. Barker, of Fairfield township, Huron county, and two children—Irma and Fern—have been born to them. Socially, our subject is a F. & A. M., and a member of the Congregational Church. On his father's side he is of English Pennsylvania stock, and on his mother's he is descended from German ancestry.

CHAPMAN M. WAUGH. Prominent among the pioneers of Henrietta township is to be found this gentleman, a well known and progressive agriculturist.

Ezra Waugh was one of the three brothers who early in the history of America emigrated from England, their mother country, to America. Two of them located in Connecticut, while one sought his fortunes amid the hills of Vermont. This latter one was Ezra, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He subsequently removed to the State of New York, where he engaged in farming, and there the balance of his life was spent.

Gideon Waugh, son of Ezra, was born in New York State, and was there reared upon the farm of his father, which was small and afforded a mere existence for the rather large family. His parents dying when he was but a child, he was early thrown upon his own resources, and also was entrusted with the care of those of the family younger than himself. His services were engaged by various farmers throughout the neighborhood, and by careful management he was enabled to save a small amount from his earnings, with which, after his marriage, and after the younger children were provided for comfortably, he bought a small farm in Oswego county, N. Y., upon which there were no improvements. He married Miss Minerva Miner, a native of the State of New York, and to them were born the following children: Gideon, Jr., Minerva, Chapman M., Lansing and James. In 1833 the family removed to Lorain county, Ohio, locating upon seventy-seven acres of wild, unimproved land in Camden township. In the fall of the same year the mother died, our subject then being but nine years old. In 1834 Gideon Waugh, Sr., married Mindwell Shepard, by which union was born one child; Minerva Waugh is now living and is the wife of Silas French, of Wakeman township, Huron county, a very industrious farmer, who has made some valuable improvements. They have a very nice family of six children—three sons and three daughters.

The circumstances of the family were very limited, and they were much in debt for the land which had been purchased by them, which was at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per acre. By the practice of rigid economy and careful management, however, the indebtedness was in a few years paid off, and at the death of the

father, which occurred in 1869, the home was well improved. Gideon Waugh, Sr., the father of subject, was a Whig, and one of the first members of the Baptist Church of Camden township. For many years he was justice of the peace of the township. He was widely known, and universally esteemed and respected.

Chapman M. Waugh, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Oswego county, N. Y., November 27, 1823, and at the age of nine years came with his parents to Ohio as before recorded. The first few nights after the family's arrival upon the ground of their future home they slept under the wagons, while a great fire made of brush and wood served to keep off the animals which then abounded. During the first few days, in the clearing of a space sufficient to admit the building of a log cabin 16 x 20 feet, the father severely cut himself upon the hand, an accident which rendered him comparatively helpless so far as immediate assistance was concerned. The log cabin was soon erected, however, finished with a puncheon floor, and furnished with stools, etc. While the house was in course of erection a tree fell upon it, but so strong was the frame that the tree was broken and the frame remained uninjured. The original farm just spoken of was at last sold, and the family bought another near Wakeman, Huron county, upon which they resided for some six years, when it was sold, the family returning to Lorain county, and buying a farm in Carlisle township near Elyria. Our subject then bought with his savings the farm of sixty-seven acres where he now resides, and on which there were some improvements.

In 1843 he married Miss Roxey Cook, of Oswego county, N. Y., and three children were born to them, as follows: Newell, Judson and Nancy, the last named being now deceased. Newell is a resident of Camden township, Lorain county; Judson is a successful merchant of Lima, Ohio. The mother of these died in 1855, and in 1856 Mr. Waugh married Mrs. Polly Cable, a widow, daughter of Eli and Lucy Waterhouse, natives of Vermont. Her father, who was a cooper and farmer by occupation, came to Lorain county among the first settlers. To this union one child, Emma Dora, was born, but died in infancy. Politically Mr. Waugh is a Republican, and has held minor offices of trust. In 1873 he built the handsome residence in which he now resides, upon his farm of one hundred acres in Henrietta township. One great fact is apparent, and that is that Mr. Waugh's success and prosperity have been accomplished by dint of hard, earnest labor good management and care, which properties are characteristic of him. Both he and his wife are Baptists in principle; their many Christian acts are well known and will exist in memory long after they have joined the army upon the other shore.

LYMAN BECKLEY, who for nearly his entire life has been a resident of Lorain county, was born April 5, 1827, in Stow township, Summit Co., Ohio, a grandson of Selah Beckley, who was born in Connecticut in 1767, and came to Ohio in 1812, locating in Summit county. In 1787 he had married Miss Caroline Beckley, who was born in 1768, and children as follows were born to them: Hepzibah (1), Noel, Lotan, Hepzibah (2), Rowena, Elnathan S., Lois, Edwin, Ahira and Sally. The father of these, by trade a blacksmith, died in 1817, in Stow township, Summit county, and is there buried.

Elnathan S. Beckley, father of Lyman, was born in Berlin, Conn., April 2, 1801, and was eleven years old when the family came to Ohio. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and was a farmer all his life. On June 1, 1825, he married Miss Polly Wilcox, who was born in Berlin, Conn., in

1805, and by her had two children: Lyman, and Eloise, now Mrs. Madison Andrews, of Huntington township, Lorain county. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Elnathan S. Beckley lived near Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and then, in 1842, came to Huntington township, Lorain county, making their home for some years in the southwest part of the township. In 1863 they moved to Rochester township, same county, where Elnathan died in December, 1872, and was buried in Huntington; his widow subsequently made her home with her son Lyman, dying in May, 1890. She and her husband were members of the Universalist Church; in politics he was a Democrat.

Lyman Beckley, the only son of this pioneer couple, received a liberal education at the district schools, and when fifteen years old came with his parents to Lorain county. They stopped for a few weeks with an uncle's family who lived in a single roomed cabin of the primitive style, with shake roof, puncheon floor, stick chimney and no window, till they could clear away the forest from a portion of the wild land they had selected for their future home, and build a shelter of their own. His father being in poor health, he had a grand opportunity to finish his education with an axe in the woods by day, and burning logs for evening recreation. On October 26, 1848, he married Miss Mary J. Sage, born in Huntington township, Lorain county, October 6, 1831, a daughter of H. P. and Susan (Mallory) Sage, who came from New Haven, Conn., to Ohio about the year 1825. Mr. Sage was a valuable addition to this new settlement, being a man of culture and refinement. He taught their public schools and music classes; gave lessons in the higher mathematics and other branches, including theology in his home. He gave but little attention to party politics, yet was honored with several offices of trust. He gathered the people together on the Sabbath for public worship, as he was a pioneer minister of the Universalist faith, formerly an Episcopalian. He died in Huntington in 1887, his wife in 1870, and they are are buried in that township.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Beckley settled on the farm he had toiled to improve. In 1863 they moved to Rochester, where he gave special attention to dairying, and in 1869, in partnership with a neighbor, built what is still known as the Beckley Cheese Factory. In 1876 he sold his Rochester farm to his oldest son and bought, of D. T. Bush, a farm adjoining his first location in Huntington where he still resides. The children, four in number, of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Beckley were Alma R., born September 13, 1849, died at the age of fourteen months; Harley O., sketch of whom follows; Ellis S., born in 1858, died in the latter part part of 1861, and D. I., born May 26, 1861, a farmer in Rochester township, Lorain county. The parents are members of the Universalist Church, and in his political sympathies he is a stanch Democrat. He is a well-known, highly respected citizen, a practical dairy farmer, and by industry and perseverance has earned a comfortable competence.

Harley O. Beckley was born June 6, 1851, in Huntington township, Lorain county, and received his elementary education at the common schools of the district, afterward attending Wellington (Ohio) high school a couple of terms. Up to the age of eighteen he worked more or less on his father's farm, chiefly in the dairying department, and then entered the Beckley Cheese Factory under George Bush, which was located near his home, but after two years returned to his first occupation. On October 4, 1871, he married Miss Mary A. Peet, a native of the county, born in Rochester township, a daughter of Homer and Charlotte (Kelsey) Peet. The young couple then commenced housekeeping in a small residence on his father's farm, renting same, but which Harley subsequently

bought. One child has come to bless this union—Chloe A., at home with her parents.

In 1876 Mr. Beckley came to his present farm in Rochester township, where he has been extensively engaged in the dairying business in connection with general agriculture, and has met with more than average success. In 1892, at a cost of two thousand dollars, he built one of the most substantial barns to be found in the southern portion of Lorain county, and by far the best one in Rochester township. In his political predilections our subject is a Democrat, taking active interest in the affairs of his party. He and his wife are prominent members of the Universalist Church, in which he is trustee, and for some time he was superintendent of the Sunday-school.

OSCAR HERRICK. In the county auditor of Lorain county we find a typical representative of New England. The Herrick family, of which the subject of this sketch is a worthy member, comes of English ancestry who in early Colonial days immigrated to the New World, making their first cis-Atlantic home in Massachusetts, afterward removing to New York State.

Harlow Herrick, father of the subject of this sketch, was born July 21, 1801, in New York State, where he received the limited education afforded by the schools of the neighborhood of his home, and was reared to the occupation of a farmer. While a young man he moved to Ohio, taking up a farm in Medina county, where he made his home a few years, and then came to Lorain county, where the remainder of his useful life was spent. In Medina county he married Miss Laura Ann Briggs, a native of Massachusetts, and to this union children as follows were born: Helen (Mrs. S. W. Gott) and Rollin, both living in Michigan, the latter in the town of Edmore; Harriet, widow of Arad Lindsley, who was killed at the battle of Ball's Bluff during the war of the Rebellion (she is now a resident of Carson City, Mich.); Daniel, who died in Lowell, Mich., in 1870; Oscar, subject of sketch; Ann, residing in Pueblo, Colo., widow of Andrew Schnur, who died in 1862 while in the Union army; Byron, who died in 1862 at New Creek, Va., while in the service; Henry and Eliza, both deceased, at the ages respectively of one and one half years and three weeks; and Jane (Mrs. Walter Yeamans), in Ionia, Mich. The father of this family died in Michigan May 31, 1891; the mother is living in Ionia, that State. Politically, Harlow Herrick was originally a Whig, and on the organization of the Republican party became a loyal member and earnest supporter of same.

Oscar Herrick, whose name introduces this biographical notice, was born in Penfield, Lorain Co., Ohio, April 20, 1838. His boyhood and youth were passed on the home farm, a few months in the winter seasons being devoted to attending the schools of the neighborhood, where he obtained his rudimentary instruction—the solid substratum of his after study. In early manhood he became interested in watchmaking and the jewelry business, and entering a store in Medina in that line, learned the trade in all its details. Having thoroughly prepared himself for journeyman work, he set out into the world with buoyant hopes and sanguine expectations, destined to be well realized. He worked in Medina, Cleveland, and Wellington (Lorain county), at which latter place he opened a jewelry establishment, conducting same some twenty years.

In 1862 Mr. Herrick was united in marriage with Miss Victoria C. Bowers, a model wife, one whose Christian spirit and amiable demeanor endeared her to a large circle of friends. She was born and reared in Wellington, where she held an honored place in society. In 1892, on the sixth day of July, her pure spirit took its

flight, and all that was mortal of her was laid to rest in the quiet cemetery at Wellington.

Sylvester Bowers, father of the late Mrs. Oscar Herrick, was born October 1, 1805, in Massachusetts, where he was reared and educated. He married Miss Esther Cheney, also a native of Massachusetts, born in 1804, and a brief record of the children born to them is as follows: Henry was killed at the battle of Knoxville, Tenn., during the Civil war, while in the Union service; Charles H. married Miss Emma J. Webster, and they reside in Wellington, Lorain county; Victoria C. was the wife of Oscar Herrick; Hattie I. is living at home with her aged father, who came to Wellington township about the year 1836, where he engaged in farming. Originally a Whig, he has of late years been a Republican. He is a member of the Congregational Church, has always been a liberal contributor to public enterprises, and is a true man.

Mr. Herrick may be truly classed among the self-made men of Lorain county, and placed in the front rank of her business citizens. He has ever been a stanch Republican, at all times advocating and advancing the interests of his party. In 1886 the people of Lorain county, fully appreciating his well-known business qualifications, elected him to the auditorship of the county, which incumbency he is still filling with characteristic ability and fidelity. In public as in private life he is an exemplary citizen, holding an enviable position in the esteem and respect of all who know him.

GEORGE H. NORTON. This gentleman, who for over half a century has been prominently identified with the interests of Lorain county, and more particularly those of Penfield township, is a native of Allegany county, N. Y., born December 18, 1824.

His father, Hiram Norton, was born in 1802 in Rutland county, Vt., son of Joel Norton, who in an early day removed to New York State, locating finally in Allegany county, where Hiram was reared. Here he was married, when a young man, to Miss Lucy A. Greene, who was born in Sodus, N. Y., daughter of John Greene, and children were born to them, as follows: George H., whose name opens this sketch; Edward J., a farmer of Michigan; Andrew J., of Clinton county, Mich.; and Clarissa M., now Mrs. William Christy, of Michigan. In the fall of 1836 the family came to Ohio, where Hiram had come several years previously on a visit to his parents, who resided in Cuyahoga county, where the mother died; the father passed away in Putnam county, Ohio. Hiram Norton brought his family west in a covered wagon drawn by a team of two oxen, and after a journey of three weeks paused in Cuyahoga county, where an uncle of his resided. The roads were very poor, and assistance was found necessary in several places to pull the wagon along. Mr. Norton rented a farm in Parma township, Cuyahoga county, whence, after a residence of two years, he removed to Richfield, Medina (now Summit) Co., Ohio, where he remained two and a half years. Then, in February, 1841, he removed to Penfield township, Lorain county, where he purchased (on credit) sixty acres of land at thirty dollars an acre, where he lived four years, and then came to the farm now owned and occupied by our subject, in partnership with whom he purchased sixty-four acres at six dollars and fifty cents per acre. A log house was erected on the site of the present dwelling, but the land was totally unimproved, not a tree having been cut, and here Mr. and Mrs. Norton passed the remainder of their lives, he dying in 1872, she on April 15, 1887. They are both interred in Center cemetery, Penfield township. In politics he was originally a Democrat, but later, on the formation of the party, became a

Republican, and in religious faith he and his wife were both members of the M. E. Church. While in New York he engaged in chopping and other day labor, and also earned a livelihood by hunting, having in his day killed 1,000 deer, besides large numbers of turkeys and other game. Even after coming to Ohio he killed many deer, which he shipped to Cleveland.

Our subject received in his early youth but a limited education, and was twelve years old when he came with the rest of the family to Ohio. He has a very distinct recollection of the trip, as well as the various towns they passed through en route, especially Cleveland, and he well remembers the strife between Ohio City (now the West Side, Cleveland) and the city proper. Locating with his parents in Cuyahoga county he did such farm work as his age permitted, remaining under the parental roof till reaching his majority, when he hired out to Lathrup Penfield at eleven dollars per mouth. In the following winter (1844) he invested his savings, forty dollars, in a tract of land adjoining his present farm. On May 6, 1847, Mr. Norton was united in marriage with Miss Mary M. Houghton, who was born May 5, 1825, in Genesee county, N. Y., daughter of Asa and Tamson (Bigelow) Houghton, who came in 1836 to Spencer township, Medina Co., Ohio, where the former conducted a sawmill. After his marriage Mr. Norton rented a farm in Spencer township for one year, in the following year removing to Penfield township, Lorain county, on a small farm, living in a frame house which he had erected. After exchanging land with his father, he came, in 1853, to his present farm, where he has since continuously resided. He has been a lifelong farmer, and in connection with his agricultural operations has for years been engaged in dairying; he now owns one hundred acres of excellent land. To Mr. and Mrs. Norton have been born children as follows: Lucy M., Mrs. C. D. Wilson; Mary, Mrs. Philo Penfield; and Frank M., a farmer, all three of Oceana county, Mich.; Elvira T., residing at home; and Edwin H., a school teacher of Grand Rapids, Mich. The present residence of the family was erected in 1861, and the collection of buildings on the farm, all of which have been erected by Mr. Norton himself, would be a credit to any farmer.

In his political preferences our subject was a Republican until 1888; since then he has been in the ranks of the Prohibition party; he has never used either tobacco or spirituous liquors. He takes an active part in public affairs, and has served four years as assessor, one term as township trustee, and for thirty-five years as justice of the peace. Both he and his wife are members of the M. E. Church, he for forty-eight years, she for over fifty years. For over thirty-three years he has been a local minister from the Cleveland district, and preached for years at Chatham Center, Medina county, prior to which time he served at Brighton, Wellington, Huntington, and various other places in Lorain county.

FAXON. In the year 1601 there was born in England one Thomas Faxon, who immigrated to America some time prior to 1647, settling in Braintree (now Quincy), Mass., where he passed the rest of his days. He was married in England, and had three children, of whom one son, Richard, was born in that country about 1630, and died in 1674 in Braintree, Massachusetts.

This Richard Faxon had a son named Josiah, born in Braintree, September 8, 1660, died in 1731; his son, Thomas, born February 8, 1692, died March 19, 1729–30; he had a son, Thomas, born in Braintree, February 19, 1724, married August 24, 1749, Joanna Allen, who was the descendant of Samuel Allen the emigrant; also the granddaughter of Abigail Savil, the granddaughter of William Savil the

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emigrant. Abigail Savil was connected through her mother, Hannah (Adams) Savil, with the Adams family, from whom was descended Samuel Adams, the Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and John Adams, President of the United States. [*Vide* Vinton Memorial.]

This Thomas Faxon was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and died in Deerfield, Mass., in June, 1792. He had a son, also named Thomas, born February 19, 1755, died January 3, 1827. He had a son, Isaac Davis Faxon, born at Conway, Mass., November 16, 1791, who, at an early day, came west to Portage county, Ohio, where he followed agricultural pursuits, and died August 5, 1821. He held several township offices, and served in the war of 1812. This Isaac Davis Faxon married September 13, 1814, Corinna Lewis, born in Farmington, Conn., December 23, 1789, daughter of Oliver and Lucinda (North) Lewis.

John Hall Faxon, eldest son of this Isaac Davis Faxon, was born at Aurora, Portage Co., Ohio, June 6, 1815, and was but six years of age at his father's death. He was then taken to live with an uncle, Oliver H. Lewis, in the same county, whence they removed to Ridgeville, Lorain county, where the lad was reared, being brought up in the practical lessons of farm life, and received his primary education in the country schools of that early period. About the year 1837, John Hall Faxon proceeded to Utica, N. Y., and there, through the kindness of another uncle, Hon. Theodore S. Faxton (as he wrote his name), was enabled to attend an academy in that city for eighteen months, in which he pursued a course of study fitting him for his chosen pursuit of civil engineering. In that capacity he was employed on the Erie Canal, the Auburn & Syracuse Railroad, and subsequently the Atlantic & Great Western, and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad in Ohio.

On June 21, 1838, he was married to Esther Terrell, of Ridgeville, Lorain Co., Ohio, who survives him. Six children were born to them, four of whom are still living and are well known residents of Elyria. Mr. Faxon held many offices of trust and honor, in all of which he discharged his duties with ability and fidelity. He was appointed deputy sheriff in 1840; was elected sheriff in 1844, re-elected in 1846, serving four years. He was elected sergeant-at-arms of the Ohio Senate in 1856, and served two years. He was appointed canal collector at Cleveland, Ohio, by Gov. Chase, about 1857, and served two years. He also served a number of terms as county surveyor and city engineer. In 1873 he was elected representative in the Sixty-first General Assembly, and was re-elected to the Sixty-second in 1875, where he became widely known as a faithful and efficient public servant. In 1875 he was admitted to the bar, by the Supreme Court of the State, but never engaged in active legal practice. Besides these official positions he served for twenty-one consecutive years as justice of the peace, and for a few terms as mayor of Elyria village. He was for a number of years assistant assessor of Internal Revenue for Lorain county, Ohio.

Mr. Faxon was a man of pronounced opinions and strong convictions, but his genial ways always made him a pleasant gentleman to meet. In his social intercourse his worthy traits of character gave him the esteem, high regard and support of his friends and neighbors, while his executive ability and manly vigor placed him high in public favor. His sterling qualities as an honest, industrious citizen gave him the comforts of life for which his genial disposition was well suited; his whole life was one worthy of emulation. He was an old and honored member of the Fraternity of Odd Fellows.

During the later years of his life he was president of the Flushing Coal Company, their mines at Flushing, Ohio, being owned by him and his sons, Isaac D. and Theodore S. Mr. Faxon died July 4, 1891.

Isaac Davis Faxon, eldest son of John H. Faxon, was born September 16, 1840, and received his education at the public schools of Elyria. He was connected for thirteen years, as bookkeeper, with the Cleveland *Herald*, and has held other positions of trust in Cleveland and elsewhere. He returned to Elyria in 1878, and until recently was engaged in mercantile pursuits; he is secretary and treasurer of The Flushing Coal Company.

Mr. Faxon married September 2, 1869, Miss Laura Margaretta Briggs, born December 31, 1845, in Painesville, Ohio, daughter of Joseph William and Harmony (Gilmore) Briggs. Mr. Briggs was the son of Rufus Briggs, the eldest son of Allen Briggs, born April 27, 1756, in Cranston, Rhode Island. Among the other children of Allen Briggs was George Nixon Briggs, born April 12, 1796, in South Adams, Mass., a distinguished statesman, governor of Massachusetts and member of Congress for many years. Joseph William Briggs, left an orphan at an early age, was brought up in the family of his uncle, Gov. Briggs, and having, in its infancy, become an enthusiastic advocate of the Free Delivery Letter System, he received, unsolicited, in 1864, from Postmaster-General Blair the appointment of superintendent of the free delivery system throughout the country. He entered upon his duties with the determination to make the system a success, and literally wore his life out in its service, dying February 23, 1872.

Theodore S. Faxon, son of John H. and Esther (Terrell) Faxon, was born in Elyria, Ohio, January 13, 1846.

His education was obtained at the high schools of his native town, and at the age of eighteen he went to Cleveland, where he was employed as bookkeeper in a wholesale business house up to the age of twenty-three years. He then returned to his native town, and commenced the manufacture of furniture, subsequently embarking in the lumber business, having in connection therewith a planing-mill. Selling out his interest in this business he became the secretary and treasurer of a number of coal companies, continuing as such for a period of three years, when in connection with others he organized the Flushing Coal Co., and also the Brock Hill Coal Co., and was elected as secretary and treasurer of both companies, which positions he held for one year. At the end of that time, selling his interests in the Brock Hill Coal Co., he and his father and brother, Isaac D., became sole owners of the Flushing Coal Co., of which he became general manager, and after the death of his father, in 1891, was elected president of the company, which position he now occupies.

T. S. Faxon and Miss Martha E. Bullock, a native of New York State, were united in marriage June 20, 1871, and five children have been born to them, as follows: Mary Belle, Theodore E., Catherine L., Isaac Davis and Robert B.

Our subject in politics is a Republican, and he is a member of the G. A. R. During the war of the Rebellion he served with the One Hundred Days men, being about eighteen years old at the time.

Ernest L. Disbro, senior proprietor and editor of the Oberlin *Citizen*, has been engaged in the newspaper business since 1880, a portion of the time as foreman on the Oberlin *News*. In 1883 he published the Moravia (Iowa) *Tribune*; for a time filled the position of foreman on the *Citizen* of Centreville, Iowa, and in 1888 was for a time in charge of the New London (Huron county, Ohio) *Record*, on leaving which he returned to Oberlin, and four years later became one of the proprietors of the Oberlin *Citizen*, a lively newsy paper that in December, 1892, bought out the *Exponent*.

Mr. Disbro was born in Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, October 15, 1860, third son of

Rev. Dr. William B. and Catherine M. (Hutchins) Disbro, the former a native of France, the latter of Herkimer, N. Y. The other children are W. B., secretary and treasurer of the Woodward Lumber Co., Atlanta, Ga.; Della, in Atlanta, Ga., and one deceased. When a boy the father came to this country, making his first home in the New World at Marietta, Ohio. He was educated in Cleveland, and graduated from the Homeopathic College, after which he practiced his profession for several years in that city. In 1843 he entered the ministry of the M. E. Church, was appointed presiding elder in the Sandusky district, and afterward was transferred to the Cleveland district, where he officiated in the same capacity, his residence during the latter time being in Elyria, Lorain county. He died in 1865; his widow now resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

The subject proper of this sketch passed his early boyhood in Berea, Ohio, and received the bulk of his education at Baldwin University, in that city, his father at that time being auditor of that institution. He then became identified with journalism, as already recorded. He is a Republican in politics, though his paper, the *Citizen*, is independent in its views, and he is a member of the Republican Central Committee. Socially, Mr. Disbro is a member of the I. O. O. F. In 1885 he was united in marriage with Miss Eva E. Newell, a native of Pennsylvania, daughter of Nelson and Fanny (Mungar) Newell, both natives of Vermont, who in 1865 settled in Kipton, Lorain county, from Crawford county, Penn., where the father died in 1891; his widow is now passing her days in Pennsylvania. To this union there is one daughter, Marion.

When the present management assumed charge of the *Citizen* it was a Prohibition organ, with scarcely any patronage and few subscribers. A strict adherence to business principles on the one hand, and a constant endeavor to place before the public a model newspaper on the other, have gained for the *Citizen* a large circulation throughout the county, there not being a postoffice in the entire county to which a package of the papers is not mailed weekly. Independent, fearless and aggressive, the *Citizen* occupies a unique field in country journalism, and demonstrates the possibilities of energy, push, and purpose. By action of the council the *Citizen* has recently been selected as the official paper of the city.

GEORGE E. SMITH, M. D., physician and surgeon, is a native of Lyme township, Huron county, Ohio, born in 1832.

Dr. Charles Smith, father of subject, was born in Westfield, Mass., and was married in New York to Miss Mehetabel Seymour, a native of Otsego county, N. Y., born of a Puritan family of Connecticut. In 1829 the young couple came to Huron county, Ohio, making a new home in Lyme township, on Strong's Ridge, where he practiced his profession, and cultivated a farm of twenty acres. He was a graduate of Yale Medical College, and before coming to Lyme township taught school for a time in Granville, Ohio. He became closely identified with the early history of the county, assisting in many ways in its development. Politically he was originally a Whig, afterward a Republican. As a Presbyterian, he was an active churchman, and for years was at the head of the Sabbath-school, and was an Elder in the Church. He was a great temperance advocate, and organized the first Temperance Society in Huron county, which same was founded in Lyme township, October 6, 1830. His home was the first one built in the township without the use of whisky. He was connected with the Firelands Society, and wrote the "History of Lyme Township." Dr. Charles Smith died March 2, 1861, his wife in April, 1854. Simon Smith,

paternal grandfather of subject, was a Revolutionary soldier from Connecticut, and later settled in Westfield, Mass. Jonathan Seymour, the maternal grandfather, was an ensign in the Revolutionary struggle, and in 1793 settled in Otsego county, N. Y., where he died in 1819.

The subject proper of these lines was reared in Lyme township up to the age of fourteen years, and received his education at the schools of Lyme and Milan, after which, in 1851, he entered the Western Reserve College at Hudson, where he graduated A. B. with the class of 1855. He taught school some seven years—two years (1855-57) in Tennessee; had also charge of the Western Reserve Teachers' Seminary, at Kirtland, Ohio, and for two years was principal of the grammar school at Circleville, same State. In 1858 he graduated A. M. from the Western Reserve College. After leaving college he attended three courses of medical lectures at Cleveland, Ann Arbor, and the Medical College of Ohio, where he graduated in 1862. In that year he commenced the practice of his profession at Willoughby, Ohio. On December 23, 1862, he was commissioned assistant-surgeon of the Seventy-sixth O. V. I., and joined his regiment at Arkansas Post January 14, 1863. He was present at the seige of Vicksburg, where he was taken sick, and was confined in the Officers' Hospital at Memphis, Tenn. Obtaining leave of absence, he returned to Ohio, and resigned his commission. He was then appointed on the Government contract service at Hillsdale, Mich., as examining physician and surgeon of Post Hillsdale. Here he remained from July, 1863, till March, 1875, when he went to Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and after practicing his profession there some sixteen years, came, in June, 1891, to Oberlin, where he has since resided.

In 1862 Dr. Smith was married at Plymouth, Richland Co., Ohio, to Miss Sarah Brinkerhoff, a native of New York, daughter of Gen. Henry R. and Sarah (Swartwout) Brinkerhoff, also of New York. Gen. Brinkerhoff served in the war of 1812, was afterward commander-in-chief of the New York Militia, and received Gen. LaFayette at Auburn, N. Y. He was a member of the Legislature of New York, and member of Congress from Huron county, Ohio, at the time of his death in 1846. To our subject and wife have been born four children, as follows: Isabella S., a teacher in the high school at Fremont, Ohio; Alice Gertrude, attending college; Josephine, attending high school, and Roelif B., assistant secretary Y. M. C. A., Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Smith in politics is a Republican, and while in Hillsdale, Mich., he served as school inspector five or six years. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post at Oberlin; of the Knights of Honor at Fremont; of the American Academy of Medicine, and was secretary of the Southern Michigan Medical Society two years. He and his wife are members of the First Congregational Church, in which he is deacon; while a resident of Fremont and Hillsdale he was superintendent of Sunday-school, and was president of the Hillsdale County Sunday-school Association at the time of his leaving that place.

W. B. FOLLANSBEE, a member of the firm of Laundon, Windecker & Co., manufacturers of cheese, proprietors of the second largest factory in that line in Wellington, Lorain county, is a native of Grafton, N. H., born April 25, 1830. John Follansbee, his father, who was of the same town, and a farmer by occupation, married Miss Eliza Potter, by whom he had four children: Offrinda, who died about twenty years ago; Daniel, residing at East Grafton, N. H.; John E., living in Oberlin, Ohio, and W. B., the subject of this memoir. The father died at the age of eighty-six years,

the mother when aged seventy; they were both descended from New England families.

Our subject received his education at the schools of Grafton, N. H., and before coming west had some experience as a traveling salesman. At the age of twenty years he came to Cuyahoga county, Ohio, where for some fourteen years he followed the meat market business and stock dealing. He then moved to Columbia township, Lorain county, where for a time he again engaged in stock dealing, as well as farming and the cheese business, after which he came to Wellington, same county, where he now resides, engaged in the prosperous business alluded to at commencement of sketch. He is also a partner in the Wellington Brick and Tile Works, another of the leading industries of Wellington, and in addition to the cheese factory in that town he operates eight to ten others in the county.

In 1861 Mr. Follansbee married Miss Mary Adams, of Columbia township, Lorain county, and two children have come to cheer their home—William, a bright boy, who graduated with honor at the Wellington schools, and Howard, who is still in school. In his political predilections our subject is a stanch Democrat, and socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

CHARLES C. ENSIGN, sheriff of Lorain county, is a native of the same, born in 1863, a son of Calvin and Deborah (Burdick) Ensign, both also natives of Ohio, but whose parents were from Vermont. Calvin Ensign was a farmer by occupation, and he served as sheriff of Lorain county two terms—1883–1887.

Charles C. Ensign, who was the eldest child and only son in a family of five children, received a liberal education in the high schools of Elyria. He served as deputy sheriff of the county for six years—two years under his father, and four years under his father's successor, during which latter period he did most of the hard work in the office. At the end of that time, at the age of twenty-six, he was nominated for the office of sheriff, and in the fall of 1890 he was elected, taking office in January, 1891, the youngest sheriff in the State; he has since been reëlected. His long experience as deputy sheriff makes him eminently well qualified for his position, whilst his natural ability is unquestioned and his popularity unbounded. He is tall, stalwart, athletic and brave, and as assiduous in his duties as he is loyal to his county, State and country.

Mr. Ensign was united in marriage, March 30, 1886, with Miss Cora F. Hulbert, of Elyria, a daughter of James and Nancy (Fish) Hulbert, who are natives of Ohio; and two children—Mabel L. and Walter C.—have been born to them. Politically Sheriff Ensign is an ardent Republican, and in church connection he and his family are Baptists.

THOMAS G. CHAPMAN, editor and proprietor of the Lorain *Times*, was born in Lorain, Lorain Co., Ohio, November 8, 1866, a son of James and Elizabeth (Burk) Chapman.

Mr. Chapman received a liberal education at the public schools of his native town, graduating, and then took a course at Oberlin Business College, where he graduated in 1884. He then returned to Lorain, and for a time was employed in the shipping department of the Lorain Brass Works, where he had worked for about a year prior to his enlistment. Concluding to enter the arena of journalism, he secured a position on the Lorain *Times*, which after a year he bought out, and since 1886 has been its editor and proprietor. The paper, a weekly, is Republican in its views, liberal, bright and newsy, and Mr. Chapman has materially improved the facilities of the office by changing the old hand-press for a steam-

power one. Our subject has held the office of township clerk four and one-half years, and in the spring of 1893 was elected Treasurer of the township. He is looked upon as one of the popular rising young men of his section of the county. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and served a term as secretary of the Lodge.

Mr. Chapman was united in marriage, December 28, 1892, with Miss Millie Bruce, an estimable young lady, who was born at LaPorte, Lorain Co., Ohio, October 29, 1872.

H. J. CAHOON, recorder of Lorain county, with residence in Elyria, is a native of the same, born in Avon township, May 11, 1837.

O. B. Cahoon, father of subject, was born in Harkness county, N. Y., May 25, 1804, and when ten years old accompanied his father, Wilber Cahoon, to Lorain county, Ohio, they being the first settlers in Avon township, where subject's grandfather followed farming the rest of his active life, dying there in 1856; he was born in 1772. On coming here he had to cut his way eight miles into the woods, and for a long time there was not a single settlement between his place and the town of Cleveland. He was an Old-line Whig, and the first justice of the peace elected in Avon township, which office he was holding at the time of his death. He was a native of Massachusetts, his wife, Priscilla (Sweet), of Rhode Island. They had eight children, all of whom lived to middle life except one that died at the age of sixteen. O. B. Cahoon lived in Avon township on a portion of his father's old property. In politics, until the agitation of the slavery question, which precipitated the Civil war, he was a solid Democrat, but his views changing he became a Republican, and so remained the rest of his life. He died in 1881, aged seventy-seven years, the father of seven children, all of whom lived to maturity, namely: H. J., Melissa A., Joseph B., Wilber D., Ora B., Burritt E. and Charles S.

The subject of these lines was educated in the public schools of his native township, and reared on a farm. In 1862 he enlisted in Company E, Forty-second O. V. I. (Garfield's regiment), which was attached to the Southwestern army, most of the time operating on the Mississippi river. Mr. Cahoon participated in the siege of Vicksburg, but being seized with sickness he was sent to hospital at Jefferson Barracks, where he was detached and sent home, to resume peaceful labor on the farm.

Mr. Cahoon was united in marriage, February 10, 1861, with Elizabeth Lucas, who was born in Avon, Lorain Co., Ohio; her parents, Jonathan and Ann Lucas, were born and reared in England. Five children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cahoon, named as follows: Carrie, Ella (wife of Don Johnson), Fred, Maud and Anna. Our subject is a Republican, and in 1891 he was elected to the office of recorder for a term of three years. He is ex-adjutant of John Harrison Post in Avon township, and is a member of the Baptist Church.

J. E. WILLARD, treasurer of Lorain county, comes of New England people and Revolutionary stock, his grandfather having served in the great American struggle for liberty, dying in 1858 at the age of ninety-seven.

S. R. Willard, father of subject, was a native of Vermont, and was a Baptist minister. When the son, J. E., was yet an infant, the parents came west to Ohio, first locating in Bedford, Cuyahoga county, thence, after a sojourn of some seven years, moving to Salem, Columbiana county, after which they lived in various other parts of the State, including Lorain county. In 1866 the father left the Baptists, and

united himself with the Disciple Church, becoming a celrgyman in that denomination. From La Grange, in Lorain county, the family proceeded to Wellington, in the same county, and thence to Minnesota, then back to Wellington, from there moving to Summit county, same State, and then returning to Wellington, for the last time as far as concerned the father, as he died there in 1878, at the age of seventy-seven years, having been born in 1801. In 1829 he married Miss Catherine Trotter, by which union were born five sons and two daughters, our subject being the third; there were also two daughters born to Mr. Willard by a former marriage. The mother of J. E. Willard was called from earth in 1891, aged eighty-four years, dying in Elyria; she was of Scotch-Irish descent.

J. E. Willard, subject proper of this memoir, was born August 25, 1836, in Ogdensburg, N. Y., and when young was brought by his parents to Lorain county, Ohio, where he received his education. He was reared on a farm, and lived thereon till he was twenty-two years old, when he entered a dry-goods store at La Grange, Lorain county, remaining there four years. In 1881 he received the appointment as deputy treasurer of Lorain county, in which capacity he served between five and six years, at the end of which time he was appointed deputy auditor, filling the position one and one-half years. In 1888 he was elected on the Republican ticket to his present incumbency—treasurer of the county, and he is now serving his second term, with characteristic fidelity and ability.

Mr. Willard was married, June 5, 1856, to Delia A. Gott, a native of La Grange, Ohio, daughter of David and Emeline Gott, both of whom were born at Worcester, N. Y. To this union three children have been born, viz.: Minnie A., Kittie M. and Archie M. In political sympathies Mr. Willard is a Republican, and socially he is a member of the K. O. T. M. and G. A. R. During the Civil war he enlisted, September 26, 1862, in the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth O. V. I., which served on Johnson's Island, guarding prisoners there, and he was discharged June 9, 1865. Mr. Willard was a schoolmate of the lamented President Garfield, at Hiram, Ohio, and he subsequently had various business communications with him, having yet in his possession several autograph letters of his.

MOSES S. TENNANT (deceased) was a well-known school teacher and agriculturist—at one time cultivating the plastic minds of the young, at another the ductile soil of the earth. He was born May 22, 1812, in Monroe county, N. Y., the eldest son of Selden and Lydia (Allen) Tennant.

Selden Tennant, father of subject, was a native of Connecticut, born in 1787, and in 1793 came to Otsego county, N. Y., with his parents. When a young man he bought land near Buffalo, N. Y., but not long afterward he removed to Monroe county. In 1846 he came to Ohio and bought wild land in Camden township, Lorain county, where he became a well-to-do citizen, farming being his life vocation. In Otsego county he had married Miss Lydia Allen, who bore him children as follows: Moses S., subject of this memoir; Betsy, who married Charles Kingsbury, and died in Michigan; Allen, a resident of Kenton, Ohio; Lydia, married to David M. Tennant, died in Oberlin in 1892; David R., farmer, of Camden township; and Hannah M., married to Moses Holcomb, now of Cass county, Iowa. The mother died in 1835 in New York State, the father on his farm in Camden township, Lorain county, in 1871. Politically he was first an ardent Whig, afterward, on the formation of the party, a stanch Republican. In religious connection he and his wife were zealous Baptists.

Moses S. Tennant, the subject proper of these lines, received his education at the common schools of his native township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits on his father's farm. Being a studious boy and youth, and having a natural inclination for reading and a love of books, he soon had himself prepared for the profession of teacher, which he followed several years with pronounced success. In October, 1839, shortly after his marriage, he came with his wife to Ohio, the journey being made with a covered wagon and occupying two weeks. They located in Camden township, Lorain county, and having out of his wages—about twelve dollars per month—saved a little money, Mr. Tennant was enabled to buy one hundred acres of land at ten dollars per acre, twenty of which were cleared and fenced, and on which there stood a comfortable log house with a brick chimney, the first one of the kind built in the township. Soon after settling here, he again took up school teaching at a salary of twelve dollars per month, "boarding round" at various places in the district, and in the winter of 1840 he conducted a school in his own house, being assisted by his wife. For several winters he assiduously followed this vocation, working on his farm the rest of the year, but the later years of his life he applied himself exclusively to agricultural pursuits, in which he made a pronounced success, being a good manager and financier. He died April 8, 1890, and was interred in Kipton cemetery. Politically he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and he was an active Abolitionist, a "conductor" on the "Underground Railroad," and many a fugitive slave found refuge at his home, where he and his wife would not only feed and clothe them but also teach them to read. In religion he was a prominent member of the Baptist Church, in which he held various offices, and was an active worker during the last twenty years of his life.

On August 14, 1839, Mr. Tennant was married at Clarkson, Monroe Co., N. Y., to Miss Mary J. Billings, who was born there July 20, 1820, a daughter of Walter and Nancy (Gillis) Billings, and children as follows came of this union: William S., born February 7, 1842; graduated at Oberlin College; studied law at Ann Arbor, and practiced his profession many years, becoming judge of the circuit court, in Saginaw (Mich.) District, but was so overworked that he was compelled to leave his position; and Lettie M., also a graduate of Oberlin, who married John A. Williamson (a graduate of Yale), of Norwalk, Ohio, and died when thirty-five years of age. G. F. (a foster son) is now paymaster on the C. L. & W. R. R.; and Edwin A. (also a foster son), who has charge of the home farm in Camden township. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Tennant has continued to reside on the home farm, and visits her children from time to time. She has been a member of the Baptist Church for the past fifty years, and enjoys the esteem and respect of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

THE POND FAMILY. On July 8, 1776, there died on Long Island, of camp fever, brought on by exposure in the service of his country, Roswell Pond, in the thirtieth year of his age, a faithful soldier in the Continental army under Gen. George Washington. He had married in Branford, Conn., November 22, 1764, Miss Lydia Rogers, and three children were born to them, viz.: (A) Josiah C., September 27, 1765; (B) Abigail, December 18, 1769, and (C) Roswell, Jr., July 15, 1772.

(A) Josiah C. Pond married Miss Jerusha Bull, September 6, 1792, she being then twenty-seven years old, and children as follows were born to them: (1) Nancy, born at Harwinton, Conn., November 1, 1793; (2) Sheldon, born May 3, 1795,

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died April 4, 1883; (3) Josiah, Jr., born December 31, 1796, died on Christmas Day, 1883; (4) Jerusha, born June 17, 1799; (5) Candace, born May 8, 1801; (6) Cynthia, born September 8, 1803; (7) Mary, born March 4, 1806, died April 28, 1890, at Oswego, N. Y., and (8) Jonathan, born December 1, 1809. Of these, (1) Nancy married —— Covey, and died October 8, 1826; her son, William C., died June 7, 1848. (2) Sheldon married November 9, 1831, Clarissa Austin, who was born February 3, 1804; she died May 15, 1891, at the age of eighty-seven years; their children were Ellen L. (born January 18, 1833), Albert S. (born August 27, 1834, died September 17, 1875), Mary J. (born July 24, 1838); of these Ellen L. married Henry Pond November 5, 1851, in Bristol, Conn.; Mary J. married J. H. Scovill December 17, 1862, and they live on the old farm in Connecticut; Albert S. married Hattie A. Harrington November 14, 1863, and died September 17, 1875. (3) Josiah Pond, Jr., married May 5, 1819, Acta Dyer, who died June 4, 1844, and their children were Lucius Dyer, born March 20, 1820; Mariette, born December 18, 1829; Flora Ann, born November 15, 1832, married Ferdinand Trivoya November 6, 1853. (5) Candace Pond died a maiden August 11, 1847. (6) Cynthia married a Mr. Belden, and died February 11, 1861. (7) Mary Pond married Augustus Pettibone, who was born May 5, 1800; she died July 28, 1890, leaving five daughters. (8) Jonathan Pond married, but had no children. The parents of this family both died at Harwinton, Conn., the father January 31, 1838, aged seventy-two years, the mother February 29, 1836, aged seventy-one.

(C) Roswell Pond, Jr., married January 23, 1800, Hannah Webster, born April 14, 1778, a daughter of Charles Webster, of Harwinton, Conn., and related to Noah Webster, the Lexicographer. To this union were born children as follows: (I) Roswell, born February 16, 1801, died March 18, 1819; (II) Lydia, born July 1, 1803, died February 24, 1889; (III) Lew Anna, born June 30, 1805, died in Torrington, Conn., June 13, 1888; (IV) Hannah Webster, born October 10, 1807, died January 10, 1871; (V) Charles Webster, born February 8, 1810, died in Toledo, Ohio, August 21, 1885; (VI) Martin Webster (the subject proper of this sketch), born March 12, 1814; (VII) Edwin Loomis, born September 6, 1816, died in the Sandwich Islands November 12, 1889; and (VIII) Julius Roswell, born February 11, 1822, died in Glencoe, Oregon, May 25, 1891. The father of this family died in Harwinton, Conn., September 18, 1826, the mother at the residence of her son, Martin W., whom she was visiting, at Elyria, Ohio, November 15, 1854.

Of the children of (C) Roswell Pond, Jr., (II) Lydia married, May 19, 1825, Ezra Stiles Adams, of Canton, Conn., and they at once came west to Ohio, locating in Elyria, then but a small village. The record of their children is as follows: Mary Laura was born September 1, 1826; Albert H. was born May 8, 1830, and died October 23, 1831; Alfred Henry was born December 10, 1832, and died March 15, 1833; Lydia Ann was born February 3, 1834; George Hurlbut was born February 1, 1837, and Ezra Stiles was born June 4, 1845. Of these, Mary Laura married, April 21, 1846, in Elyria, Ohio, Charles E. Mason, a native of Portage county, Ohio, born May 4, 1823. The issue of this union are three children: (1) Mary Adelaide, born in Elyria, June 16, 1847; (2) Laura Isabel, born in Elyria, February 4, 1850, and (3) George Adams, born in Wellington (also in Lorain county), July 18, 1858. Of these, (1) Mary Adelaide married, June 16, 1868, John W. Meaker, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and their children are John W., Jr., born July 18, 1870; Guy, born September 6, 1873; Belle, born February 10, 1876, and Mazie, born November 30, 1878, all born in Detroit, Mich., except the last named, who first saw the light in

the "World's Fair City"—Chicago. (2) Laura Isabel Mason was married June 24, 1873, in Wellington, Ohio, to Schuyler Davis, and their children are George S., born in Wellington, August 24, 1874, and Roy Mason, born in Cleveland, November 16, 1879.

Lydia Ann Adams, second daughter of Ezra Stiles and Lydia Adams, was married May 27, 1850, to George F. Bell, of Canada West (now Ontario), and they had one child, Kate, born February 11, 1853. Mr. Bell died August 11, 1872, in Mercer, Penn., and May 22, 1879, his widow was married to Nelson Case, of Orangeville, Ohio.

George Hurlbut Adams, youngest son but one of Ezra Stiles and Lydia Adams, was united in marriage December 25, 1868, with Miss Addie Kemp, who died August 26, 1874, and for his second wife George H. Adams married, May 27, 1878, Miss Belle J. Henry, of Rockport, Ohio.

Ezra Stiles Adams, Jr., youngest son of Ezra Stiles and Lydia Adams, was married January 19, 1870, in Wellington, Ohio, to Miss Jennie L. McClelland, of that place, and their children are Louisa M., born in Cleveland, October 20, 1871, and Georgia, born March 15, 1873.

(III) Lew Anna Pond died at Torrington, Conn., June 12, 1888; she was married at her father's house in Burlington, Conn., December 15, 1825, to Edmund A. Wooding, and children as follows were born to them: (a) Adeline, born January 8, 1827; (b) Julia, born at Torrington, Conn., October 28, 1835, and (c) Mary, born at Torrington, February 25, 1838. Of these (a) Adeline married, November 3, 1846, in New Hartford, Conn., Augustus Merrill, by whom she had children as follows: (1) Addie, born in New Hartford, November 15, 1849, married November 25, 1868, William Baker Gilbert, of Thomaston, Conn., and has one child, Grace, born October 12, 1880. (2) Grace, born in Thomaston, Conn., January 18, 1854, married December 25, 1875, Charles S. Spalding, of Winstead, Conn., and has three children, viz.: Jessie, born July 22, 1878; Anna, born August 12, 1880, and Ethel May, born November 14, 1885. (b) Julia Wooding married May 17, 1877, in New York City, William Burtis Fowler. (c) Mary Wooding was married at her father's house in Wolcottville, Conn., November 25, 1855, to Walter Scott Lewis, of Bridgeport, Conn., and two children were born to them, viz.: Lizzie, March 28, 1857 (married to Addison A. Ladley, of Philadelphia, Penn., January 6, 1881), and Charles W., October 16, 1859, both born in Wolcottville, Connecticut.

(IV) Hannah Webster Pond was married in Wolcottville, Conn., June 16, 1833, to Jeremiah D. Root, and three children were born to them in Hartford, Conn., as follows: (1) Edward J., born in 1837, died March 16, 1842; (2) Albert Homer, born June 15, 1840, died February 19, 1841; (3) Frank, born in April, 1834, and was killed by a boiler explosion in New York harbor while in the U. S. service, in 1864 or '65, leaving one son, Edward Samuel, known as "Ned Root," born January 10, 1855; and (4) Ella, born October 15, 1842. Mrs. Hannah Webster (Pond) Root died in New London, Conn., January 10, 1871. Jeremiah D. Root died in New York City, August 6, 1875, and both are buried in Hartford, Connecticut.

(V) Charles Webster Pond married October 21, 1846, at Smithville, Canada West (now Ontario), Miss Martha Smith, and they had two children: Robert, born in Canada July 28, 1850, and Ezra Stiles, born at Auburn, Mich., February 29, 1856. The mother died at Smithville, C. W., in May following the birth of her last child, and Mr. Pond married for his second wife, at Detroit, Mich., May 6, 1857, Miss Catherine Vantiplen, and their children were (1) Charles Henry, born at Brighton, Mich., March 12, 1858, and died at Toledo, Ohio, December 19, 1881. Robert Pond, son of Charles Webster and Martha (Smith) Pond, married May 7,

1873, in Monroe county, Mich., Emeline Hungerford of Bedford, Mich., and their children were May, born at Bedford, Mich., February 5, 1874; Maud, born at Toledo, Ohio, August 1, 1877, died there February 10, 1882, and Charles E., born at Bedford, Mich., July 15, 1879.

(VIII) Julius Roswell Pond married July 2, 1850, at the home of her father, Royal Watson, in New Hartford, Conn., Miss Martha A. Watson, a native of that town, born March 19, 1821, and their children are Edwin Watson, born June 17, 1853, in New Hartford, and Cora Lena, adopted by them when one month old, and who was born at New Hartford March 24, 1863; she is married to Edward Bisack, and they live in Norwich, New York.

(VI) Martin Webster Pond, the subject proper of this sketch, removed with his sister, Mrs. Lydia (Pond) Adams, to Elyria, Ohio, in 1825, where, December 10, 1835, he married Miss Eliza J. Sayles, of Mayville, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.. born there March 26, 1817, and died in Elyria May 31, 1887. Her parents were from Rhode Island. The children born to this union were (1) Henry Clay, (2) Martin Webster, Jr., (3) Horace Roswell Brown, (4) Frank, (5) Franklin Gaylord, and (6) Lizzie, all natives of Elyria, Ohio, the record of whom is as follows: (1) Henry Clay was born in Elyria September 11, 1839, and March 23, 1865, married, in Hartford, Conn., Lottie Payne; (2) Martin W., Jr., was born April 30, 1841, and February 12, 1871, was married in Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Fannie J. Thrall, of that city, their children being George Horace, born at Titusville, Penn., October 19, 1871, died at Colorado Springs of consumption October 6, 1889. (3) Horace R. B. was born October 31, 1842; in 1861 he enlisted in Company I, Eighth Regiment O. V. I., and died at his father's house May 14, 1870, of disease contracted in the army; he married September 5, 1867, Jennie Keyes, of Sandusky, Ohio, and one son, Harry, was born to them August 4, 1868. (4) Frank was born April 14, 1848, and died of croup February 7, 1851. (5) Franklin G. was born February 25, 1849. (6) Lizzie was born February 21, 1854, was married December 5, 1877, to Samuel Howe Bowen, of Newport, Herkimer Co., N. Y., and their children are Helen Pond, born in Green Spring August 15, 1878, and Scott Howe, born November 27, 1886.

Martin Webster Pond received his education at the common schools of his native State, and the district schools of Elyria, Ohio. He then, at about the age of sixteen, entered the employ of his brother-in-law, Ezra S. Adams, as an apprentice to learn the saddle and harness making business, which he completed in his twenty-first year, soon after which he left Elyria for the purpose of perfecting himself in his trade, among other places working in Cleveland, Detroit, and Wheeling (W. Va.). At the end of two years he returned to Elyria, and here followed his trade until 1852, during which period he formed various partnerships: first with B. F. Robinson, then with Waterman Morse, and lastly with William Doolittle. In June, 1852, he started on a trip to California, via the Nicaragua route; at the Isthmus, where he was delayed some three weeks, he was attacked with Panama fever, but finally reached San Francisco, in a very feeble condition, however, after a tedious journey of sixty-five days in all. Gradually recovering his health he engaged in mining, his headquarters being at Nevada City. In June, 1853, he returned to Elyria, this time taking the Panama route, and again entered into partnership with Waterman Morse in the saddlery and harness business, but at the end of the year Mr. Pond retired from the firm. In 1858 fire destroyed a building owned by Mr. Pond, and immediately he began the erection of a finer one, and upon its completion, in January, 1859, he resumed his old business, which he continued until 1870, when he engaged in the manufacture of a harness pad, for which he had obtained a patent.

In 1862 he invented the first successful tug buckle, to the sale and introduction of which he gave much attention until 1870. A Republican in politics, Mr. Pond has filled many position of honor and trust conferred upon him by his fellow citizens. He is a member of the F. & A. M., and was for twenty-nine years treasurer of Marshall Chapter No. 47. In 1841 he assisted in forming in Elyria a Lodge of the "Mechanics Mutual Protection," an Order that has exerted much permanent influence for good in the community. Mr. Pond, always a lover of education, was one of the most active workers for the establishment of the Elyria Union School. In the improvement of Elyria he has taken a conspicuous part.

Mrs. Pond died May 31, 1887, at the age of seventy years. Their golden wedding anniversary had passed; for more than fifty years their joys and sorrows had been mutual. Theirs had been a most happy union, in which communion of souls had made the two lives as one, and the existence of each as essential factors of the other. Since Mrs. Pond's death, the husband has lived at the old homestead, only waiting God's time to be called to the final reunion. His health is far from good, and being one of the oldest residents of Elyria, not many years will pass ere the summons comes, which will find him ready and waiting.

HIRAM H. HOWK, familiarly known among his many friends as "Uncle Hiram," for about threescore years a resident of Wellington township, is a native of Berkshire county, Mass., born October 2, 1816.

His father, David Howk ("Uncle David," as he was generally known), was born in the same county, where he married Polly Bradley, who bore him six children, as follows: Clarissa, who died in Chenango county, N. Y.; Ely B., deceased in Wellington, who was a justice of the peace; Hiram H., subject; John, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; David; and Mary, deceased in Pennsylvania, who was the wife of Frank Hamilton. The family moved to New York State when our subject was a boy, and came to Wellington township, Lorain Co., Ohio, when he was a youth of eighteen years. They traveled by lake to Cleveland, the rest of the journey being made by wagon, and the first house they lived in, built of logs, was 12x20, with flat roof, puncheon floor, and without either door or window, curtains being hung up in lieu thereof. Deer, wolves, and other wild animals were plentiful, while human beings were on the other hand rare, there being no family in the woods at the time the Howks came. Here they carved out a home from the dense woods and deep-tangled undergrowth, and here the parents passed the remainder of their pioneer lives. Their farm was located in the southeastern part of the township, very wild land at the time, and the first brush pile in the section was cut by "Uncle" David Howk. He died on the old homestead at the age of sixty-eight years, a member of the M. E. Church, and a Whig in politics; he was a hardy, active and vigorous man. His wife passed from earth March 5, 1871, at the present residence of the family, aged about eighty-two years. On the father's side the family are of Holland-Dutch lineage; on the mother's side they are of Massachusetts ancestry, her parents being of Lee, Berkshire county, where they lived all their lives.

The subject of our sketch received but a limited education at the old-time log schoolhouse, as his boyhood days were for the most part occupied in assisting his father on the farm—chopping and clearing. He has been a lifelong agriculturist, and has met with well merited success. On September 20, 1843, he married Miss Electa Butler, born in Wheeling, W. Va., and three children were the results of this

union: John, in Wellington, Lorain county (has two children: Fred and Arthur); Almira, who died in 1872 at the home of her father, aged twenty-two years, leaving one child, Eddie H. Burns; and Grove, also in Wellington (has one child, Myrtle). After marriage our subject continued to reside on the old homestead, living there in all about thirty years. On April 8, 1863, he and his wife moved to Wellington village, and made their home there until lately, when they once more came to their farm, a life of ease not suiting "Uncle Hiram," as he is a man of perpetual activity, and bright and spry for his years; in that respect resembling his thirty-three-year-old horse, of which he is proud, and which is a wonderful animal considering his age. In addition to his farm our subject owns a nice property in the village of Wellington.

J. H. LANG. The Lang family, of which this gentleman is a worthy representative, and which was at one time quite numerous in Huntington, Lorain county, can trace their genealogy back to Plymouth Rock.

The earliest known member of the family was one Robert Lang, a seafaring man who came from Scotland as early as 1630. He built a house at Portsmouth, N. H., some time between 1635 and 1650, which is still standing in a very good condition. It was built of New Hampshire Pasture Oak. The walls are bricked up between the studs with brick brought from England, and the nails were hand made. This house was occupied by English soldiers during the King Philip war; was also occupied by Governor Wentworth, and sheltered General Washington when he visited New England. This is one of the oldest houses in the New England States, and relics of it are now in the possession of some of the younger members of this old family. The following line brings this family down to the present numerous generation:

First from Robert was John, then a second John, who was a Revolutionary soldier. Then Bickford, and a second Bickford, who was a captain of militia in the war of 1812. He was born in Rye, N. H., married Abigail Locke, and settled in Epsom, N. H., where he reared a numerous family. His eldest son William was the first to leave the parent nest, and go to what was then the "Far West." His brother Reuel soon followed, and both settled in Huntington, Lorain county, about the year 1821, being among the first settlers of that township. David, another son of Bickford, followed about 1835, and the father came in 1838, all of them settling in Huntington. Another son, John, settled in Ashland, Ohio, where he was for a number of years a prosperous merchant and business man, and where he died in 1847. Benjamin, another son, graduated at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, and was for some time a professor of that college; he died in Kansas in 1885. David spent the most of his life, after coming to Ohio, in Huntington, a prosperous farmer, and died at the home of his son John in Rochester in 1884. Josiah Crosby, the youngest son of this family, enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, but was taken sick and died before he had seen any active service, his death occurring in 1861. Of the two boys who first came to Ohio, Reuel was a cabinet maker, and worked at the trade of carpenter and joiner for many years; and many of the first frame structures of Lorain county show his handiwork. He was for many years a local preacher among the Methodists. The last years of his life he spent in Wellington, surrounded by many of his children, where he peacefully passed away in March, 1891, in the eighty-ninth year of his age. William, the eldest son, is still living with his son John in Wasioja, Minn., in his ninety-sixth year. Bickford, Jr., was the only one of this

numerous family who did not "go west." He remained in his native State, and is still living at Franklin, N. H. There were four girls in this family: Maria, who married Dr. Babb, and died at Manchester, N. H.; Lorenda, married to Kimball Prescott, and died at Marinette, Wis.; Sarah, who married Morrill Chesley, and still lives in New Hampshire, and Abigail, who married Milton Barker, and died at Oberlin, Ohio. Beyond this brief review, this history will have only to do with the later generation, and with those who have been more intimately connected with the history of Lorain county.

Of the descendants of this family, only the children of Reuel settled in this county. Josiah Bickford, the eldest, married Lorena Chapman, and for a number of years lived in Huntington, where he followed the trade of carpenter; for more than twenty years he was engaged in the tin, stove and hardware trade in Wellington. He served a term as mayor of that village, and by his enterprise and counsel added much to its prosperity; for the last few years his home has been in Cleveland; he had four children—three sons and one daughter, viz.: Watson W. and Charles, both in business in Cleveland; Eva A., now the wife of George M. Cadwell, a business man in Cleveland; the first-born son was killed when a child by the kick of a horse. The next son is Jesse H., the subject proper of this sketch, of whom further mention will presently be made. Cyrus Welcome, the third son, lived at home in Huntington till the age of twenty, when he visited his relatives in New Hampshire, where he died in his twentieth year. Louisa Maria, the eldest daughter, married Peter S. Wright, lived a short time in Huntington, a number of years in Oberlin, moved to Vermontville, Mich., where he accumulated some property, and about ten years ago returned to Wellington, where he still resides. Mr. Wright was famed as being one of the most ingenious mechanics in the country, He enlisted in the army and served with honor, and is now retired in broken health, on a small pension. They had three children, two of whom died in infancy, and the third, Grace, is now the wife of Utley Wedge, and resides in Cleveland. Esther Abigail, the next daughter, married Charles W. Horr, a prosperous business man of Wellington; they had a family of four boys, the eldest of which is a lawyer in Cleveland, and the rest still live in Wellington. Charles, the fourth son, died at Huntington in the twentieth year of his age. Olive Amy, the youngest daughter, after graduating from Oberlin College, married Dr. Meriden B. Lukens, who practiced medicine for many years in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Cleveland, Ohio, and finally drifted to Dalton, Ga., where they now reside. George Locke, the next son in line, grew to sixteen years of age in Huntington; then went to Wisconsin and took a position in the store of his brother Jesse, and when the war broke out he enlisted in Company G, Twelfth Wisconsin Volunteers, in which he served gallantly and faithfully; was severely wounded at the siege of Atlanta, Ga., a minie ball being permanently left in his right lung; after he returned from the war he studied telegraphy, and has been engaged in that occupation ever since; he is now engaged in important work of this kind in the East, with a residence in Boston; he married Lizzie Viles, at Oberlin, and they have one daughter, now married and residing in Washington, D. C. Merrill Warner, the youngest of this family, also grew to manhood in Huntington, married and settled in Wellington, where he now resides, an honored citizen. He has been many years a member of the village council, and has had much to do with the affairs of that village; he has one son, Burton Lang, who is married and lives in Cleveland. Five generations of Langs have lived and flourished in Lorain county—Watson, the son of Josiah, having two children, and Burton, the son of Merrill, having one. Bick-

ford, of the first generation, died in Huntington at the age of about ninety years, and Reuel, of the next in line, died in Wellington as before stated. Of David's family, Albert, the eldest, died in Huntington; John, the second son, lives in Rochester; Lydia Ann, the oldest daughter, is now the wife of Horatio Norton, and lives in Huntington; Henry, a younger son, entered the army, and was killed in action. The names mentioned above comprise all or nearly all of this numerous family who have been identified with Lorain county. While this family has not produced any great men, there never has been any stain on its moral character, none of them ever having been in either Congress or Penitentiary.

Jesse Hart Lang, whose name opens this sketch, was born in Huntington township, Lorain Co., Ohio, December 21, 1827, a son of Reuel and Amy (Hart) Lang, natives respectively of New Hampshire and Vermont. He was named after his maternal grandfather. Mr. Lang grew to manhood in his native town, attended school in Oberlin a number of years, and engaged in teaching and study from 1844 to 1848. On January 1, of the latter year, he married Miss Mary E. Fitch, of Sheffield township, Lorain county, a daughter of Samuel B. and Dolly (Smith) Fitch, natives of Massachusetts and early settlers of Sheffield township, Lorain county. The first two years of our subject's married life were spent on a farm in Huntington township, after which he removed to Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, where he was engaged in managing a woolen factory for five years. In 1856, with his young wife and one daughter, he went to Grand Rapids, Wis., where he was in the employ of the Government, and at the same time studied law. While there he was a candidate for the Legislature, but was defeated, the District being largely Democratic. For ten years he was there engaged in the businesses of land surveyor, lawyer and merchant. Returning to Oberlin in 1870, he has here since resided, engaged in the profession of attorney and general business agency. He is a Republican, and cast his first vote for the Free-soil party. Socially he is a F. & A. M., and he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church. They had six children, all of whom died young, the youngest, Carrie, at the age of thirteen years. Mr. Lang published a work entitled "Childrens' Pictorial Bible," containing twenty thousand illustrations (seven hundred of them being electro-plates) and a topical analysis. He spent twenty years on the work.

JOHN MOUNTAIN, late leading merchant tailor in Elyria, was born September 27, 1834, in County Fermanagh, Ireland. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Carson) Mountain, also natives of County Fermanagh; the father, who was a merchant tailor, died in his seventieth year; the mother, who was of Scotch descent, died at the age of forty-four years. They were the parents of five children, to wit: William, who entered the British army, and died at Bombay, India; Christopher, who died in the British army, in Turkey; Mary, widow of Thomas Timmington, of Fremont, Ohio; John, our subject; and Margaret, wife of Charles Wilmott, of Melbourne, Australia.

At the age of seventeen years the subject of this sketch left his native land to seek his fortune in the Western world, and coming to Canada completed his trade with his uncle Joseph Mountain, which he had commenced under his father's tuition in Ireland. In 1859 he came to Elyria, Lorain county, under contract to do cutting for a leading house in that town. After working at his trade in various capacities, the Civil war broke out, and being imbued with the same martial spirit that actuated his brothers to enlist in the British army, he, in 1862, enlisted as fifer in the One Hundred and Third O. V. I.

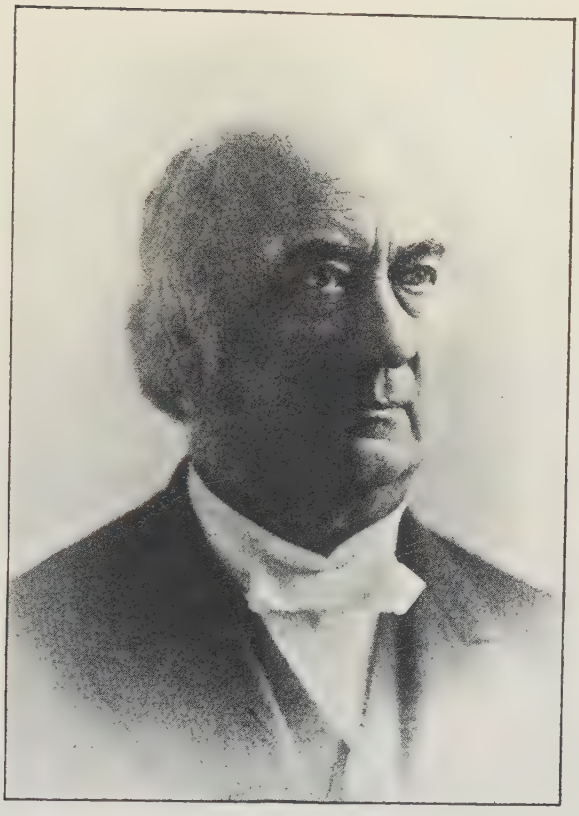
He was mustered into the regiment as drum major, and after serving in the army of Tennessee, in Kentucky, one year, was mustered out under an order from the War Department relieving all drum majors from the service. On his return home he worked at his trade until 1878, in which year he embarked in business for himself, in Elyria. Having become well known in and gained the confidence of the community at large, he soon found himself in possession of the leading merchant tailoring trade in the city, which he enjoyed up to the time of his death, which occurred August 12, 1893.

In 1853 Mr. Mountain married Miss Elizabeth Frazer, by whom there were three children, as follows: Libbie, wife of Dr. P. D. Reefy, of Elyria; Minnie, wife of Herbert S. Follansbee, of Elyria; and Carson, who died when twenty-two years old. The mother died in 1878. Mr. Mountain afterward married Miss Dora Dunton. One child—Arthur—was born to them. Politically our subject was a Republican; was also a member of the G. A. R., and of the Episcopal Church.

PROF. JAMES HARRIS FAIRCHILD, ex-president of Oberlin College, was born in Stockbridge, Mass., November 25, 1817, a son of Grandison and Nancy (Harris) Fairchild. The father was a native of Sheffield, Mass., born April 20, 1792, and died July 31, 1890, in the ninety-ninth year of his age; the mother was born in Richmond, Mass., November 29, 1795, and died August 31, 1875. Daniel Fairchild, grandfather of subject, removed from Sheffield to Stockbridge, Mass., with his young family, where he passed the remainder of his busy life in agricultural pursuits; his wife's name was Buttles.

In 1818 Grandison Fairchild came with his family to Lorain county, Ohio, making a settlement in what is now Brownhelm township, then a wilderness, and here he cleared a farm and passed the rest of his life. The property is still in the possession of the family. Eight of the children —four sons and four daughters—born to Grandison and Nancy Fairchild grew to maturity, of whom the following is a brief record: (1) Charles Grandison remained on the old homestead, and carried on the farm until his death in 1884. (2) Edward Henry was educated in Oberlin College, and afterward became principal of the preparatory department of same; at the time of his death he was president of Berea College, Kentucky; one of his sons is president of Rollins College, Florida; another professor in Doane College, Nebraska; another is connected with Berea College, Kentucky. (3) James Harris is the subject of this memoir. (4) Catharine Baxter is the wife of Chester A. Cooley. (5) Emily Frances is the wife of Rev. M. W. Fairfield; one son is professor at Howard University, Washington, D. C. (6) Mary Plumb was married to Cyrus Baldwin, now of Dayton, Ohio, and died leaving four children; one of her sons, Cyrus G. Baldwin, is president of Pomona College, Cal.; another son, Dr. James F. Baldwin, is Dean of the Medical University at Columbus, Ohio; her daughter is the wife of Prof. Cook, of Michigan Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich. (7) Harriet Eliza married Prof. R. C. Kedzie, of Lansing, Mich.; their three sons became professors of chemistry. (8) George T. is president of the Kansas Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas.

The subject of this sketch received his education in part at the schools of Brownhelm, and high school of Elyria, but chiefly at Oberlin. The school at Oberlin was first begun in December, 1833; in May, 1834, it was first regularly organized, and in the following October the first Freshman class was formed, comprising at that time the two Fairchilds—James H. and his brother Edward Henry—and two others. Pursuing his course steadily,



Jas. H. Fairchild

James graduated from college in 1838, after which he entered at once upon a theological course, which he completed in 1841. In 1839 he was appointed tutor in Latin and Greek in the college, and, on the completion of his course in Theology in 1841, he was elected professor of Latin and Greek. In 1847 he was transferred to the Chair of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, and in 1858 he received the appointment of professor of Moral Philosophy and Systematic Theology. In 1866, Prof. Finney having resigned his position as president, Prof. Fairchild was appointed his successor, and held the position until 1889.

In November, 1841, Prof. Fairchild was united in marriage with Miss Mary F. Kellogg, at Minden, La., whither her father had removed from Jamestown, N. Y., on account of impaired health. She was a native of New York State. This event took place before the days of railroads, and the trip from Oberlin to Minden occupied several weeks. The Professor took the canal to the Ohio, then steamer down the Ohio into the Mississippi; down that river to New Orleans, then up the Red river, to the Creole town of Natchitoches, from which place he proceeded on horseback through the pine forests seventy-five miles to Minden. The many incidents met with on the way, and to him annoying delays, are ofttimes recounted by the Professor in his own inimitable manner. To this marriage were born eight children—two sons and six daughters—as follows: (1) Lucy Kellogg is the wife of Prof. Kenaston, of Howard University; (2) George Hornell is a well-known business man and banker in North Dakota; (3) Mary Fletcher is matron in Baldwin Cottage, Oberlin; (4) Catharine Cooley is keeping house for her father, her mother having died in 1890; (5) Grace Augusta is a teacher in the art department of Oberlin College; (6) James Thome is a professor in Tabor College, Iowa. The other two children died young.

The life of Prof. Fairchild has not been what might be termed eventful, but it has been a busy one—a quiet, yet progressive life. He has found time to give to the world not a few of the productions of his pen, among which may be mentioned: "Fairchild's Elements of Theology;" "Fairchild's Moral Science"; "Oberlin: The Colony and the College."

In a "History of Lorain County," the following is truthfully and gracefully said of Prof. Fairchild: "As a public speaker he is quiet and self-contained, and though impressive, would not be called oratorical. Yet, so fraught are his productions with elevated and original thought, clothed in a style clear and terse, that corresponding thoughts are awakened in his auditors, which do not pass away with the hearing. His public addresses on special occasions have uniformly possessed so high a degree of excellence that, almost without exception, they have been requested for publication. That which best expresses and explains his life is—fidelity to duty. He has not been ambitious, or eager for distinction; but he has risen to a high position in the esteem, respect and admiration of a large number. He has given himself to his work with a devotion which has known no abatement. There is found in him, in no ordinary degree, both the speculative and the practical. His mind grapples resolutely, and works actively and intensely on the great subjects of thought; but high thoughts do not so absorb his attention as to make him neglectful of the necessary details of practical affairs. He is wise in little things as in great.

"The prevailing bent of his mind is unquestionably ethical. Though his mind is too comprehensive to allow him to be a mere specialist, yet his favorite study is ethics. On this summit of human thought he has long dwelt; and the result of his thinking and teaching he has embodied in his treatise on moral philosophy. This is an admirable exposition of the moral law of love or benevolence; first, in its philos-

ophy or reason; and, secondly, in its practical application to human rights and duties. In his theological teaching he is clear, rational, and evangelical.

"Under his wise and discreet management, Oberlin College has undergone a gradual and continual improvement. This improvement is, indeed, its natural growth; yet it is not spontaneous, but must be promoted by intelligent effort, in which many co-operate. This growth consists in the enlargement and perfection of the course of study, so as to furnish a culture broader and higher; and, as a necessary material basis for this, an adequate college endowment."

A C. MOORE, M. D., physician and surgeon, is in the van of his profession, not only in North Amherst, where he has his residence, but also in the entire county of Lorain.

He was born in Lake county, Ohio, in 1819, a son of Isaac and Philena (Blish) Moore, natives, the father of New York, the mother of Massachusetts. In 1811 Isaac Moore came to Lake county, Ohio, and took up farming. He was there married, and in 1831 moved to Cuyahoga county, thence in 1836 to Mentor, Ohio. He died at Farmer City, De Witt Co., Ill.; his widow passed from earth while living in Cuyahoga county. In politics he was a Whig and Republican. Grandfather John Moore enlisted, for six months, later for the entire service, during the Revolutionary war, and lived to the patriarchal age of ninety-three years; his grandmother Blish died at the same age. To Isaac Moore and his wife were born five sons and three daughters, the latter of whom are deceased. The sons are C. H., an attorney at Clinton, Ill., whither he had gone in 1841; Dr. A. C., subject of sketch; Blish, a farmer in De Witt county, Ill., where he settled in 1845; Milan, a jeweler in Farmer City, Ill.; and H. C., now in California.

The subject proper of this sketch received his primary education at the Western Reserve Teachers' Seminary in Lake county, Ohio, after which he attended a medical course at Willoughby, now the Starling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio, then took a course at the Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating with the class of 1848. In order to secure means wherewith to prosecute the study of medicine, he taught school several terms. In 1849 he commenced the practice of his profession, and has now been successfully engaged in it forty-four years.

In May, 1855, Dr. Moore was united in marriage, in Lorain county, to Elizabeth Onstine, a native of Lancaster county, Penn., daughter of George and Rosanna Onstine, natives of Pennsylvania, and who in 1820 came to Lorain county, Ohio. To this marriage was born one daughter, Lulu C., wife of H. G. Redington, of Amherst, an attorney at law, and who is president of the Amherst Savings Bank, and has been mayor of North Amherst four terms. Mrs. Dr. Moore died in March, 1893.

Our subject in politics is independent, and he is a strong temperance advocate. In 1875 he was mayor of North Amherst, and he is a member of the board of health. In matters of religion, he is associated with the Christian Church. He is one of the stockholders of the Amherst Savings Bank, and is a highly respected and popular gentleman.

CHARLES W. JOHNSTON. This gentleman is a lineal descendant of one of the oldest and most powerful of the clans of Scotland, that for centuries kept the borders of that country in a constant ferment of bloody strife. Sir Walter Scott, in his "Tales of a Grandfather," says: "There had long existed a deadly feud on the western borders, between the two great families of the Maxwells and Johnstons. The former house was the most wealthy and powerful family

in Dumfriesshire and its vicinity, and had great influence among the families inhabiting the more level part of that country. The Johnstons on the other hand were neither equal to the Maxwells in number nor in power, but were a race of uncommon hardihood, much attached to their chieftain and to each other, and who resided in the strong and mountainous district of Annandale. It was between the houses of Johnston and Maxwell that the last great clan battle took place. It is known as the battle of Dryfe Sands, and was fought on the river Dryfe, near Lochmaben. The Maxwells had besieged the castle of Lockerby (or Locherby), the fortress of a Johnston who was in arms with his chief. His wife defended the residence until the approach of the Johnston forces. From the superior skill of the Johnston chief the Maxwells were defeated, and on their retreat many of them were slain or mutilated on the streets of Lockerby. The chief Maxwell had been wounded by the Johnstons, and left upon the field of battle with one hand cut off. He had offered 'ten pound ten' for the hand or head of the Laird of Johnston, and Johnston in return offered to bestow five-merk land upon any one who would bring him the hand or head of Maxwell. As a result Maxwell's hand was cut off; and when the Lady of Johnston came out of her castle to see how the battle had gone, she found Lord Maxwell on the field of battle, and knocked out his brains with her castle keys. So badly were the Maxwells cut up that a peculiar mark on the face was afterward known as 'Lockerby Lick.'"

It was from this same Lockerby that Peter Johnston, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was descended. He was born in Scotland, in the town of Lockerby, Dumfriesshire, and came to America in 1773. Before leaving his Scottish home he received from the magistrates of the town of Lochmaben, in the same county, a credential paper, of which the following is a copy: "By the magistrates of the Burgh of Lochmaben.—The bearer hereof, Peter Johnston, in Lockerby in this neighborhood, having applied to us and represented that, from the inducements given for going to America, he intended going there, and desired a certificate of his character, therefor we hereby attest that the said Peter Johnston and his family have Maintained a blameless character, and that he has honestly supported his family without being a trouble to any one, all of which is attested by us upon proper information. Given at Lochmaben, the Thirtieth day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and seventy-three years. [Signed] Will Haggan (Provost), W. M. Law (Baillie), John Dickson (Baillie)." In 1775 Peter Johnston was a lieutenant in the Continental army, and participated during the Revolution in the battle of Saratoga (or "Stillwater"); also was present at Burgoyne's surrender.

Steven Cleveland, maternal grandfather of Charles W. Johnston, was a captain in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution, and in that rank participated in the battle of Saratoga under Gen. Gates; he also was present at the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne. He died at Bennington, Vt., aged 101 years.

Thomas Johnston, father of the subject of these lines, was born in Saratoga, N. Y., August 30, 1777. He was a volunteer in the war of 1812, and fought at the battle of Plattsburg. In 1832 he came with his family to Ohio, making his first western home in Medina county, whence he moved to Lorain county, dying there July 22, 1858. He was a lifelong farmer, for many years a deacon in the Baptist Church, and prominent in public and social life. He married Susannah Cleveland, a native of Bennington, Vt., born October 2, 1781, and died in Lorain county, Ohio, July 19, 1873. They had twelve children, eleven of whom grew to maturity, our subject being the youngest but one.

Charles W. Johnston was born in Lee township, Oneida Co., N. Y., June 29, 1823, and received a liberal education at the public schools and in an academy. As above related the family came to Ohio in 1832, and here young Charles commenced the study of both medicine and law. In medicine he graduated from the Western Reserve College, and practiced the profession six years in Ashland and Lorain counties, but abandoned the field of Galen for that of Blackstone. In law he studied in the office of Sheldon & Vincent, Elyria (the former of whom—L. A. Sheldon—was afterward governor of New Mexico), and in 1859 was admitted to the bar at the Columbus, Ohio, supreme court. In April, same year, he commenced the practice of law in Elyria in copartnership with Hon. P. Bliss, which continued till 1861, in which year Mr. Bliss removed to Nebraska, having been appointed judge of that Territory. Mr. Johnston then entered into a partnership with Hon. Albert A. Bliss, brother of the judge just mentioned, but at the end of a year Mr. Bliss retired from the firm and left for Michigan. Our subject then continued in the exclusive practice of law, alone, enjoying a wide and lucrative clientage. In 1869 he was elected prosecuting attorney for Lorain county, and he then received Hon. George P. Metcalf as partner in his business. In 1871 he was again elected prosecuting attorney, positively declining to allow his name to be again brought before the convention, and his partner, Mr. Metcalf, was nominated in his stead. From that time on Mr. Johnston continued practice alone until in 1881 he formed the present copartnership with his son-in-law, James H. Leonard. The business of the firm is general, but chiefly in civil practice, and they make a specialty of the investigation of land titles. Mr. Johnston's law business has not been confined to Lorain county alone, for he has practiced more or less in Erie and Huron counties, and at Cleveland before the United States court, and occasionally in the United States circuit and district courts.

In 1849 Charles W. Johnston and Mary E. Fisher were united in marriage, and three children were born to them, viz.: Mary C., wife of J. H. Leonard; Martha L., wife of W. C. Barnhart, secretary and treasurer of the Elevated Railroad Company, Kansas City, Kans., and Carleton F., in the U. S. mail service from St. Louis to Omaha. In politics Mr. Johnston is a Republican, and a strong Union man, liberal of his means both during the Civil war, in assisting the cause, and ever since those dark days, in relieving the needy old soldiers, widows of soldiers, and their orphans. A great reader, keeping well abreast of the times, he is the possessor of a good library.

THOMAS GAWN, leading capitalist of Lorain, and one of the most influential citizens of Lorain county, is a native of same, born December 25, 1829. His parents were natives of the Isle of Man, and coming to this country about the year 1822 settled in the northern part of Black River township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where they carried on farming with much success. The father died in 1868 at the age of seventy-seven years, the mother in 1881, when eighty-six years old. They had a family of seven children, of whom Mrs. Thomas Radcliff and our subject are the only surviving members.

Thomas Gawn received such an education as was provided in the pioneer schools of his boyhood in Lorain county, and was reared to the arduous duties of the farm. Apart from agricultural pursuits, which he followed for some time, he became interested in the shipping business early in 1862, since when he has had heavy investments in lake vessels. He is a member of the Lorain Steamship Company, and has been one of the leading stockholders in some of the best steamships that sail the lakes, besides smaller vessels.

In 1854 Mr. Gawn was married to Miss Elmina Moore, and immediately thereafter settled on a farm whereon part of the town of Black River (Lorain) now stands. He has seen in his day both the slow and rapid growth of his section of the county, Lorain developing from a village to a thriving city, and was a man in business here long before the days of steam and electricity. He has been identified with the best financial institutions of Lorain from their inception, and is a stockholder and one of the main supporters of the Lorain Savings Bank. Politically he is a lifelong Republican.

JAMES DAY. The family from which this venerable and honored pioneer of Lorain county traces his descent was originally from Wales.

The first of the family to come to America was Robert Day, who at the age of thirty years set sail from his native land, arriving in Boston in April, 1634. He was one of the first settlers of Hartford, Conn., and as such his name is found on the monument erected to their memory in that city. He married Editha Stebbins, of Hartford, to which union were born two sons, Thomas and John. Thomas, eldest son of Robert Day, removed to Springfield, Mass., and was the ancestor of the Springfield branch of the Day family. John remained in Hartford and was the ancestor of the Hartford branch.

Capt. William Day, grandson of Thomas, was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He was born in Springfield October 23, 1715; went to sea in his boyhood, and was for many years engaged in seafaring business. He was in the service during the French war, holding a commission under the British Government. His vessel was captured on one occasion, and he was carried a prisoner to France, where he was confined in prison two years. When he was released he begged to be allowed the privilege of taking his old boots with him, which was granted, and why he was so desirous of having them with him was because the heels were filled with English guineas. For meritorious service during the war in capturing four French frigates and bringing them into Plymouth harbor, Capt. Day was presented by the Admiralty of England with a large painting by Copley, commemorative of the event. "He is represented standing on the deck of his ship, spyglass in hand, calmly viewing the scene with the conscious pride of a victorious hero swelling his breast and lighting up his features." When about fifty-five years old Capt. Day left the ocean, locating in Sheffield, Mass., and married Rhoda Hubbell, of Litchfield, Conn., to which union were born four sons and a daughter. He died March 22, 1797.

John Day, father of James Day, was born in Sheffield, Mass., February 3, 1774, and was a lifelong farmer. When twenty years of age he married Lydia Austin, daughter of Joab Austin, of Sheffield. Her grandparents were among the first settlers of Sheffield, Mass., making their wedding journey on horseback from Westfield, Mass., over the hills to their new home in the wilderness, the bride taking her bed on her horse with her. John Day was the father of twelve children, eleven of whom lived to manhood and womanhood, and nine of them to the age of threescore years and ten.

James Day, the seventh child of this family, was born August 27, 1807, in the old home on Brush hill in Sheffield, Mass., and spent nine years of his life among the Berkshire hills. In January, 1815, his father and Jabez Burrell, also of Sheffield, purchased of Gen. William Hart, of Saybrook, Conn., the township now known as Sheffield, Lorain Co., Ohio. In June of that year they explored the township, and in the summer of 1816 John Day removed his family to Ohio, arriving July 27, and locating at the center of Sheffield. He

died October 8, 1827, at the age of fifty-three; his widow died October 9, 1854, aged fourscore years.

James Day attended the first school taught in Sheffield by Dr. Preston Pond, of Keene, N. H., in the winter of 1817–18, and for a number of years afterward attended school in the winter, but naturally his education was more highly developed in the line of hunting and fishing, and the lore of the unbroken forest. While a mere boy he went many long journeys on horseback through the lonely forest trails to mill, carrying the grist tied to his saddle. There was a mill at the center of Ridgeville, and another on Beaver Creek in Black River township, in 1816, and later one in Elyria. Mr. Day looks back on the experiences of those early days as the happiest of his life. After his father's death he took charge of the old farm for a number of years, and then settled on a farm of his own. Ten years of his active life, from 1845 to 1855, were spent in the lumber business in company with his brothers, William and Norman, and William H. Root. Their mill on French creek was swept away by flood, and never rebuilt. In later life he has had ample leisure for reading and the enjoyments of life. His life has always been identified with that of the Congregational Church at the Center of Sheffield, he having been a member since early manhood, and a constant attendant since it was first formed by Rev. Alvin Hyde, assisted by Rev. William Williams, May 1, 1818. This is the oldest Church in the county, and one of the oldest in northern Ohio. In his political preferences Mr. Day was first a Whig, and since the formation of the party has been a stanch Republican, taking an active interest in politics.

In June, 1876, in company with three others who came from Sheffield, Mass., as boys, in 1816, he revisited his native town to attend the one hundredth anniversary of a town meeting held June 18, 1876, of which his grandfather, Capt. William Day, was moderator, at which the people of Sheffield pledged their lives and fortunes to support the Continental Congress in any measures they might see fit to take toward declaring the independence of the Colonies.

James Day married, at the age of twenty-eight, Ann Eliza Austin, a native of Sheffield, Mass., born March 15, 1815, and to this union came eight children, five of whom are living. She died January 13, 1873, aged fifty-seven years. During a long life Mr. Day has enjoyed the respect and regard of a large circle of friends, many of whom have known him from boyhood, and have watched with him the wonderful development of the Western Reserve; a development in which they have an active interest, since with it their whole lives have been identified. The Western Reserve may well be considered a monument to the early pioneers, whose industry, integrity and steadfast purpose have helped to make it what it is.

J. V. SAMPSELL, M. D., one of the most successful physicians of Lorain county, having his residence in Elyria, is a native of Ohio, born in Ashland county, May 19, 1850, a son of Dr. J. B. F. and Catherine (Luther) Sampsell, both now deceased.

The Sampsells in Ohio are descended from an old Maryland German family, who became early settlers of Columbiana county, Ohio. Dr. J. B. F. Sampsell has four brothers and eight cousins, all physicians of repute, while our subject's maternal grandfather was an M. D., in addition to which he has four cousins physicians, and one of his lady cousins is married to a member of the profession.

Dr. J. V. Sampsell was reared in Ashland county, Ohio, receiving his elementary education at the common schools, and then took a course of study at Bethany, W. Va. After reading medicine for a

time with an uncle, our subject entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, at which institution, in the class of 1876-77, he took the degree of M. D., and in the latter year he commenced the general practice of his profession at Elyria, where he has since built up an enviable business, even yet on the increase, his ride taking him for many miles into the country, in addition to his city practice. Recently he took a post-graduate course at the New York Polyclinic.

On June 17, 1880, Dr. Sampsell was united in marriage with Miss Leonnetta Nichols, of Elyria, whose father was born in Ohio, the mother coming from Jefferson county, N. Y. He is a member of the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons, and is physician and surgeon for the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroad Co. He is a member of the F. & A. M., Blue Lodge and Chapter; in politics he is a stanch Democrat, and during the Cleveland administration he was president of the local board of pension examiners.

HIRAM TILLOTSON, a leading, representative agriculturist of Huntington township, is a native of same, born March 9, 1825, a son of Daniel Tillotson, who was born January 5, 1794, on Wyalusing creek, Pennsylvania.

Thomas Tillotson, father of Daniel, was a farmer and shoemaker, the old hammer he used in his work being still in the possession of his grandson, Hiram. In Henrietta township, Monroe Co., N. Y., Daniel married Lovisa Sage, born October 5, 1795, a daughter of Isaac and Polly (Rice) Sage, who became the second settlers of Huntington township, Lorain county, the first being the Labories. In June, 1818, Daniel Tillotson, with his wife and two children—Chloe and Sally—came to Huntington township, they being the fourth family to arrive. Joseph Sage, a brother of Isaac Sage, already mentioned, owned a large tract of land in Huntington township, and from him Daniel Tillotson bought a few acres in the woods, where yet roamed the Indian and wild animals—deer, turkeys, bears and wolves being frequently seen. In the new home, a log house having been built, were born the rest of Daniel Tillotson's children, namely: Enos S., who is said to have been the first white child born in the township, the date of his birth being December 18, 1818 (he died in Michigan, December 5, 1872); Sophronia, now the widow of E. D. Calkins, living in Wellington; Alvin, born in Sullivan township, now of Olivet, Mich.; Hiram, subject of sketch; Lucetta, who married Hamilton Fisher, and died in Brighton; Jennette, who married John Halleck, and died in Rochester township, Lorain county; Hulda Ann, now Mrs. Henry Baird, of Wellington; Lucy E., who died at the age of seven years; Harriet C., also deceased at the age of seven years; and Elijah, who died on the home farm when seven years old. Of the two children born in the East, as already recorded, Chloe married Joshua N. Colver, and died in Wisconsin; Sally was twice married, first to David Smith, afterward to Luther Mead, and she is now again a widow, her home being in Minnesota.

Daniel Tillotson was in all respects a genuine pioneer. He had to take his axe in hand, and from the dense primeval forest literally hew out a home for himself and family. He was not only a man of muscle but one of superior natural ability and bright intellect. For twenty-one years he was a justice of the peace, and proved a jurist possessed of excellent judgment, his rulings being invariably sustained by higher courts, in cases of appeal. He was also an ordained minister in the Universalist Church, and as a farmer he met with more than ordinary success. On January 31, 1834, he came to the farm now owned and occupied by his son Hiram, and at that time lying in the

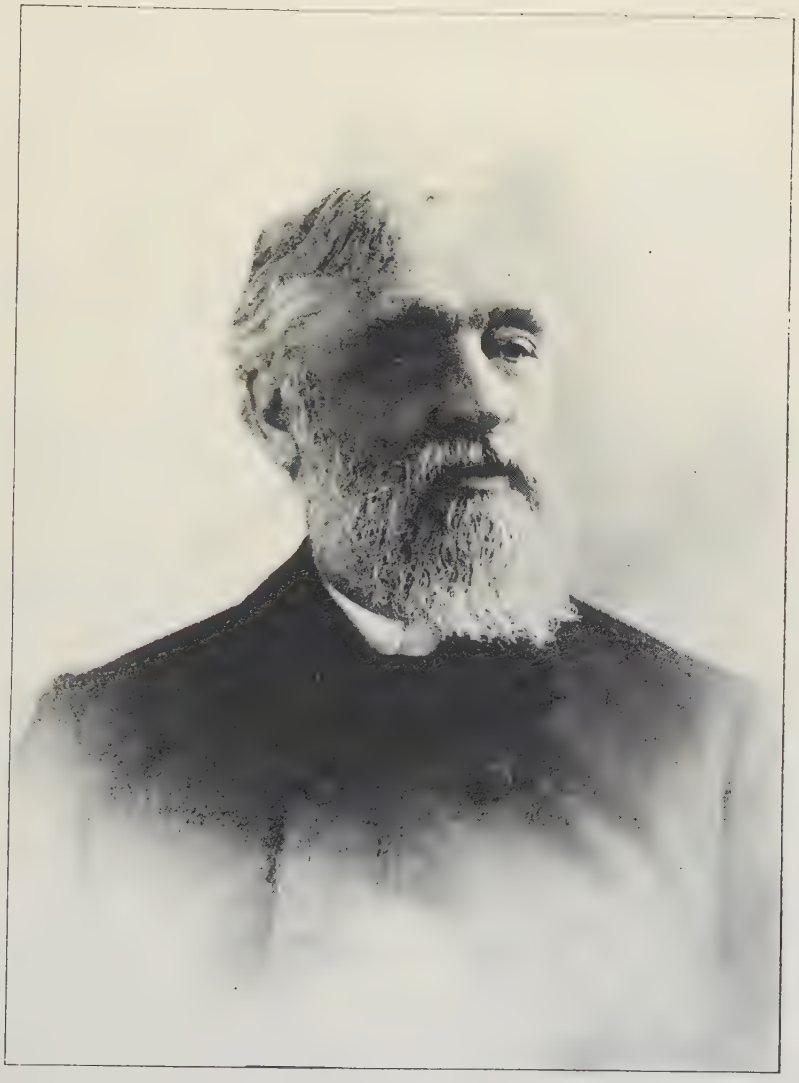
midst of a vast wilderness. This he went to work to clear, and to a considerable extent had succeeded in transforming it into a fertile spot when death summoned him from the midst of his labors. The last thirteen years of his life had been passed in the care of our subject and wife; and his widow for thirty years, during eighteen of which she was blind, had her home with her son, who with true filial devotion tenderly cared for her in her declining years, which even in her affliction were enjoyed by her, so pleasant was the treatment she received at the hands of her son and daughter-in-law. She passed away February 1, 1875, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Huntington cemetery. Mr. Tillotson was reared a Democrat, but in after years became a Republican, remaining as such the rest of his life.

Hiram Tillotson received his education at the subscription and district schools of his time, and was reared to farm life amid all the rugged surroundings of a pioneer home. He remembers well that flour was twelve dollars per barrel, and could not be bought nearer than Wooster, Ohio; johnny-cakes were the chief article of food in his boyhood days, and he made many a meal of them, washed down with plenty of fresh milk. At the age of fifteen he left school, and has since assiduously applied himself to agricultural pursuits.

On September 29, 1847, Mr. Tillotson was married to Miss Solina Fisher, who was born March 13, 1830, in Jefferson county, N. Y., a daughter of Eleazer and Polly (Davis) Fisher, who came to Ohio in the spring of 1836, locating in Brighton township, Lorain county. After marriage, owing to the declining health of his parents, our subject removed with his bride to the old homestead, where he yet lives, the dwelling being the third one built on the premises, and practically on the same site as the first one. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Tillotson were as follows: Harriet A., now Mrs. D. W. Cole, of Huntington township; Caroline L., now Mrs. M. R. Sage, of Huntington; Myra L., now Mrs. Lewis Labarie, of Huntington; Rosella, deceased when twelve and a half years old; and Ina and Elvira, both deceased in infancy. Mr. Tillotson has now 356 acres of prime land, and in addition to general farming has been an extensive dealer in and shipper of live stock. He has lost in cash over four thousand dollars by befriending others in the way of endorsements. In his political affiliations he was a Democrat until Lincoln's time, when he enrolled himself under the Republican banner, and has ever since remained loyal to the cause. He and his amiable and kind-kearted wife are exemplary members of the Universalist Church.

JAMES MONROE of Oberlin was born at Plainfield, Windham Co., Conn., July 18, 1821. He received his early education in the common school, at Plainfield Academy, and, afterward, under the private instructions of Mr. John Witter, a highly esteemed teacher of Plainfield.

Before reaching the age of twenty, he was engaged, for several years, in teaching in the public schools of Windham county. From October, 1841, until February, 1844, he was employed as agent of the American Antislavery Society and other organizations of similar object, speaking and laboring earnestly for the antislavery cause. He thus became acquainted with many of the early Abolitionists. In the spring of 1844, feeling the need of more thorough classical training, he went to Oberlin College, from which he graduated in 1846. For the three following years he pursued and completed a course of theological study in that institution. After having served for several years as tutor, he was elected, in 1849, to the Chair of Rhetoric and Belles Lettres in Oberlin College, a place which he filled



James Monroe

until 1862. Beginning with the winter of 1850–51, he devoted some months of each year, for several years, to raising money for the College. Mr. Monroe was elected, in the fall of 1855, to the first Republican General Assembly of Ohio. He was a member of the House of Representatives in that State in 1856, 1857, 1858 and 1859, and of the Senate in 1860, 1861 and 1862. While in the Legislature he introduced and carried through several important measures, such as a bill to establish Reform Schools, one to amend the Habeas Corpus Act, and bills to protect the rights of colored citizens and for other purposes. He was chosen President *pro tempore* of the Ohio Senate in 1861, and again in 1862. In the meantime he did not neglect his work in the College, as the sessions of the General Assembly were held at the time of the long vacation in that Institution.

In the fall of 1862 he resigned his place in the Ohio Senate, and also his Chair in the College, to accept the position of United States consul at Rio de Janeiro tendered him by President Lincoln. This office he held until the spring of 1870, having also served for some months in 1869 as Charge d'Affaires *ad interim*. In October, 1870, he was elected from the Oberlin District to the House of Representatives at Washington. He was a member of this body for ten years, from March 4, 1871, to March 4, 1881. During this period he served upon the Committee on Banking and Currency, that on Foreign Affairs, that on Education and Labor, of which he was Chairman, and that on Appropriations. At the close of his Fifth Congress he declined a renomination. On his return to Oberlin a desire was expressed that he might be placed in a new Professorship of "Political Science and Modern History;" but the College had no fund for its support. Thereupon his friends in Northern Ohio and other parts of the country contributed thirty thousand dollars to Oberlin College on condition that it should be permanently invested, and that the interest should be applied to the support of the new Chair which Mr. Monroe should be invited to fill. This arrangement was accordingly carried out, and in September, 1883, Mr. Monroe resumed teaching in the new place, the duties of which he has continued to discharge to the present time.

In politics Mr. Monroe has been a Republican ever since the organization of the party; and, in his religious faith, he is a Congregationalist.

THE HORR FAMILY. Among the pioneer families planted in Lorain county few have left more numerous descendants than the one now under consideration; and in no other instance have so many brothers risen to public note and business prominence.

For several generations the Horr family had lived at Pomfret, Vt. The grandfather of the Horr brothers, now living in Ohio, was Deacon John Horr, and, back of him, the heads of the Horr family were a line of deacons; but this religious ardor has not been preserved in its orthodox purity to the present generation.

The original emigrants of the Horr family to Ohio were Roswell Horr and his two sisters, Mary and Lucina. Mary Horr married Joseph B. Jamison, of Avon; Lucina Horr married Samuel Robinson, formerly of Vermont. She died in Wisconsin without issue.

Roswell Horr was born in Pomfret, Vt., January 13, 1796. He had but meager educational advantages in early life, and he served an apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith, which he made his chief vocation. In 1834 he emigrated to Ohio, and located in Avon township, Lorain county, where he bought and improved a farm, upon which he afterward erected, as the family home, what is now known as the Dr. Townsend residence, situated about

one and a half miles east of the village of French Creek. He also built a blacksmith shop on the farm, and there worked at his trade. Notwithstanding his limited education, and the fact that he lived only seven years after coming to Ohio—his death having occurred April 25, 1841—he had laid an excellent foundation for his future. He had served his community as justice of the peace and postmaster in a creditable manner, and he left his family a home of seventy odd acres unencumbered, and fifty acres more that was nearly paid for. Common sense and strict integrity marked his actions both public and private. For his first wife he married Miss Lucinda Wheeler, who bore him two daughters: Lucinda, who married Barlow G. Carpenter, of Olmsted Falls, Ohio; she now resides in Chicago, Ill., and has two children—Harry H., of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Lucena McNeil. Lucina, the second daughter of Roswell Horr, married William S. Carpenter, of Olmsted Falls; she now lives with her son, Newton H. Carpenter, of Chicago, Ill., who is secretary of the Art Institute of that city. After the death of his first wife, Roswell Horr married, in Waitsfield, Vt., in 1829, Miss Caroline Turner, a native of Moretown, same State, born in 1805, who is still living, residing in Wellington. Mrs. Horr was a woman not only of great heart and brain qualities, but she secured a more than average early education, and before her marriage was for many years a school teacher. While engaged in this vocation she taught Senator Carpenter, of Wisconsin, the alphabet. Her mother was a Miss Carpenter, and a great-aunt of the Senator. Mrs. Horr had eight sons, all of whom reached maturity except Henry and Frank, who died in their "teens," while attending school at Oberlin. The eldest of this family was but a little over ten years of age at the time of the death of the father, Roswell Horr. In the rearing of this large family of boys Mrs. Horr had ample opportunity to exercise all her ingenuity and moral courage. If the ambition of the boy is inspired by early lessons, or his genius quickened by early incentives, how well she has succeeded is best told in the lives of her sons. The first birth occurred November 26, 1830, and by this she bore two sons—one now Hon. Rollin A. Horr, of Wellington; the other Hon. Roswell G. Horr, of New York City.

Hon. Rollin A. Horr received an elementary education in the public schools, and commenced life as a clerk in a store in Huntington, Lorain county. He subsequently entered the cheese business and farming and stock dealing there, and made that his home for fifteen years. He assisted in the organization of the First National Bank of Wellington in 1864, and the spring of the same year removed to Wellington, which he has since made his home. He was cashier of the First National Bank for twenty-seven years, since which time he has been its vice-president. He was for a time a member of the extensive lumber firm of W. R. Santly & Co., and besides being vice-president of the First National Bank is now secretary of the Clarksfield Stone Company. He was nominated by the regular Republican caucus, and elected to the State Senate from the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-ninth Senatorial Districts in 1879, serving during the sessions of 1880–81 and 1882–83; was subsequently the Republican nominee from the Fourteenth Congressional District. On October 8, 1891, he was appointed special employe of the United States Treasury Department by Secretary Foster, and served in that capacity until June 1, 1893, when he was removed by the Democratic administration.

Mr. Horr is a man of medium height, but large proportions. He has the natural, easy, pleasant bearing of a man long accustomed to do business with the public. He was married in 1853 to Miss Sarah A. Ames, from which union were born seven children, of whom one died in infancy; those living are: Abbie C., married to H.

B. Hamlin; Rollin C., who was educated in Cornell University, and is now in the stone business in Philadelphia, Penn. (he is serving his third term as member of the city council of Philadelphia); Walter Scott, who graduated from Wellington High School, now a stenographer and bookkeeper by profession, and residing in Duluth, Minn.; Warner M., also a graduate of Wellington High School, now a bookkeeper, residing in San Francisco, Cal.; Charles P., who was for five years bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Wellington, and is now a paving contractor of Philadelphia, Penn.; Nellie, a graduate of Wellington High School, and still at home.

Hon. Roswell G. Horr is the other of the twin brothers. He is of national reputation as a politician and lecturer. He first attended the public schools, then took a partial course in Oberlin College, after which he attended Antioch College, and in 1857 graduated under Horace Mann. Returning to his native county, he was elected clerk of the court of common pleas in the fall of 1857, and re-elected in 1860. While acting as clerk of the court he read law, and upon stepping out of the office was admitted to the bar, becoming a partner with Judge J. C. Hale, and pursuing the practice of law in Elyria for two years. In the spring of 1866 he removed to southeastern Missouri, engaged in mining business, and while there was the Republican nominee for the State Legislature. In the spring of 1872 he removed to East Saginaw, Mich., and was elected from the Eighth Congressional District, serving in the XLVI., XLVII. and XLVIII. Congresses of the United States of America. He is at present tariff editor of the New York *Weekly* and *Semi-Weekly Tribune*. When in Congress he participated in the leading debates and legislation of the day. He has perhaps made more political speeches than any other man living, besides having prepared and delivered a number of lectures on literary and scientific subjects, which have given him a national reputation as a public lecturer.

Mr. Horr was married in 1859 to Miss C. M. Pinney, and has four living children —two sons and two daughters, viz.: Flora M., wife of Frederick Hebard, of Plainfield, N. J.; Frank, a merchant of Ithaca, Mich. (he was educated at East Saginaw and Orchard Lake State Military Academy); Katherine, at home, engaged in literary work; and Rollin A., residing in Saginaw, Michigan.

James C. Horr, the third child of Roswell and Caroline (Turner) Horr, was born January 25, 1832. He received his education in the common schools of his native place, which he supplemented with a course of study at Oberlin University. At the age of twenty-one years he went to Australia, remaining there fourteen years, at the end of which time he returned to Lorain county, and there remained four years. His next trip was to California, and after spending six years there he located permanently in the city of Olympia, now the capital of the State of Washington. He served a term in the Territorial Legislature, and was for four years special agent of the United States Treasury Department during the Garfield-Arthur administration. He has served as mayor of Olympia, and is now a member of the State Senate of the State of Washington. He was for a time engaged in the furniture trade, but now operates a wholesale and retail feed and forwarding store, and real-estate business. He was married in Australia to Miss Lizzie Upton; has no living children.

John Horr, born June 2, 1833, in Vermont, is the last of these children born in Vermont. He went to Australia with his brother, and subsequently to New Zealand, where he now resides. He married in Australia, and has one daughter. But little is known of his personal history.

Ralph Turner Horr was born June 2, 1835. He was a harness maker by trade,

which he followed in earlier life. Subsequently he engaged with the American Express Company, and finally entered the United States Mail service. He died a few years since. He married a Miss Martha Barker, and left two sons: George, agent of the Merchants Despatch Transportation Company, Chicago, Ill.; and Howard, in the employ of the Troy Laundry Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois.

C. W. Horr, leading business man and capitalist of Wellington, is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, born in Avon, January 25, 1837. He was reared on the farm, during the brief winter months attending the schools of the locality till he was about sixteen years old, when he went to Cleveland, with but a few dollars in his pocket, there to seek employment, a total stranger in the place, with solely himself to rely upon. Casting his eye on the sign of a leading hack and omnibus line office, and understanding something of horses, he immediately applied for and found employment as an omnibus driver. Falling into no dissipation, and allowing himself no indulgencies of any kind, he succeeded in saving some money, and at the end of five months he found himself in a financial position sufficient to enable him to take a term at Oberlin College, which he did. He then taught school at Pittsfield Center, Lorain county. At the age of eighteen, with barely enough money to pay expenses, he took stage coach from Louisville to Nashville, Tenn., near which city he secured a position as teacher in Zion Seminary. In 1858 he became principal of the public schools of Napoleon, Ohio.

In 1857 Mr. Horr entered Antioch (Ohio) College, graduating from there in 1860. On August 12, of the same year, he married Esther A. Lang of Huntington, Ohio, who has proved the kindest and wisest of wives and mothers. Indeed, Mr. Horr and all of his intimate friends would agree in regarding his marriage as the most fortunate event of his life. In the fall of 1860, with his wife as assistant, he became principal of the public schools of Vandalia, Ill. In that town he became a leading local agitator in the cause of the Union, delivering many eloquent and patriotic speeches, and finally he organized Company B, Thirty-fifth O. V. I., of which he was made captain. With his command he did duty in Missouri, and served under Fremont, Halleck, Curtis, Jefferson C. Davis, and other leaders of the movement in Missouri. During the larger part of his service, he was employed as forage master or as brigade commissary of subsistence, and during the latter part of his service he was attached to Gen. Buell's army. At the commencement of the war he was a Douglas Democrat. After he left the army, he returned to Lorain county, and in company with his brother, J. C. Horr, commenced the development of the cheese industry, building in Huntington township the first cheese factory in Lorain county. The firm of J. C. Horr & Co. was succeeded by Starr & Horr, and at the end of a year that firm was succeeded by the present cheese and butter firm of Horr, Warner & Co. Of this firm Mr. C. W. Horr has always been the recognized head, and its great success is largely due to his ability as a business man, and to his sagacity as a financier.

Mr. Horr is also a member of the firm of Weau, Horr, Warner & Co., the most extensive onion and celery growers in Ohio, and probably the greatest onion growers in the world. He is also president of the well-known Wellington Milling Company, and has for years been a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Wellington, Ohio, and also of the Savings Banking Company of Elyria, Ohio. Mr. Horr owns an extensive tract of land in Lorain and Medina counties, and is to a large extent engaged in the breeding of fine Holstein-Friesian cattle. In 1892 he was president of the National Holstein-Friesian Association, and he has recently been elected president of the National Dairy Union.

In his earlier days Mr. Horr read law, and was admitted to the bar, and his knowledge of both law and general business has been of invaluable service, not only to himself but also to friends and others who frequently consult him on matters of importance and difficulty. In politics he is a Republican, and few campaigns have taken place since the war in which he has not taken a more or less active part, as he is a forcible public speaker, and keeps well posted on all political and public questions. He is also a writer of ability, a master of the English language, and an accomplished rhetorician. Although deeply immersed in his many business enterprises, Mr. Horr still finds time for the study of literature in the quiet of his home, where he is surrounded by every comfort and finds the purest and greatest enjoyment of his life. In the very prime of manhood, he is a man of fine physique, and of great physical and mental energy. He is by no means the meekest of men; he is positive in his views and aggressive in his methods, and his power and influence have been felt in many political contests.

Mr. and Mrs. Horr have had five sons, viz.: Norton T., a graduate of Cornell University, and member of the law firm of Boynton & Horr, of Cleveland, Ohio; Charles W., Jr., a graduate of Cornell University, now engaged in various business enterprises with his father; Clinton (deceased); Alfred R., at present a member of the junior class of Cornell University, and Harley M., who still resides with his parents.

FRANCIS S. WADSWORTH, a thoroughly representative agriculturist of Lorain county, is a native of Massachusetts, born in Becket, Berkshire county.

Jonathan and Deidama (Snow) Wadsworth, grandparents of our subject, were of Connecticut birth, and moved to Becket, Mass., where their family of children were born, and where he died at the age of eighty-six years; his wife afterward came to Wellington, Lorain Co., Ohio, and died in the "American House," where she was living at the time with her grandchildren —O. S. and J. L. Wadsworth. She, as was also her husband, was a member of the Congregational Church.

Lawton Wadsworth, father of subject, was born June 24, 1785, in Becket, Berkshire Co., Mass., and was reared to agricultural pursuits. In early manhood he taught school in the neighborhood of Otis, Mass., where he first met the young lady who became his wife, in the person of Miss Nancy Rowena Lawton, daughter of Elijah Lawton, of that town. They were married October 15, 1806, in Becket, where they settled on a farm, and seven children, as follows, were born to them: Milo L., born October 2, 1807, who lived in Wellington township, died April 2, 1889; Oliver S., born May 2, 1809, was a farmer, and lived for a while at the "American House," in Wellington, subsequently returning to Massachusetts (he was killed in a railroad accident at Erie, Penn.); Jabez L., born August 27, 1813, who lived for a number of years at the "American House," in Wellington, and subsequently followed milling (he built a brick residence in Wellington, where he died; his widow now resides in Wellington); Elijah M., born February 9, 1815, learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, took a college and theological course at Oberlin, Ohio, then went to Wisconsin, and later went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he now resides; Albert O., born August 27, 1819, who has always followed farming, first in Wellington, Lorain county, and at present in Saranac, Mich.; Francis S., born April 27, 1821, and David L., born June 1, 1825, who died in October, 1892.

F. S. Wadsworth, the subject proper of this sketch, was twelve years old when the family arrived in Lorain county, Ohio, whither they traveled in wagons the entire

way, the trip occupying from April 15 to May 9. He received a liberal education in the common and high schools (two terms at Wellington select schools), and, when he was of age, two years at Oberlin, where he displayed considerable aptitude and fondness for mathematics. For a trade he learned that of carpenter and joiner, at which he worked, engaging, at times, also in painting, and for four winters taught school. On September 20, 1854, he married Miss Sarah A. Leonard, born January 6, 1833, in New York State, and the young couple then located on a farm about one and one-half miles from their present home in Wellington, whither they removed in 1884. Two children were born to them, viz.: Ettie R., April 25, 1858, who was married to B. B. Herrick (has two children, viz.: Sarah E. and Hobart); and Frank L. O., of whom special mention is made farther on.

Mrs. Wadsworth is a daughter of Truman Leonard, who was born in Worthington, Mass., March 23, 1784, and June 1, 1811, married Miss Roxanna Allis, born in Chester, Mass., September 15, 1786. After marriage they moved to Middlesex, Ontario Co., N. Y., and there lived until 1835, in which year the family, including eleven children, moved to Ohio, settling in Chatham, Medina county. The father died February 24, 1846, the mother on September 12, same year. Their daughter, Sarah A., received a fair education in the common and high schools, well preparing her for the vocation of a teacher, which she commenced to follow at the age of fifteen years. For the past quarter of a century she has been a newspaper correspondent, chiefly for the Elyria *Republican;* also contributed to the *Ohio Farmer*, and the *Young America*, New York. A lady of culture and refinement, she shares with her husband the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

Frank L. O. Wadsworth, their son, was born October 24, 1866, and received a superior education. He is the recipient of a diploma from Wellington (Ohio) High School (1883); graduated from the Ohio State University, Columbus, June 30, 1888, in Mining Engineering, and the following year took a diploma in Mechanical Engineering, and degree of Bachelor of Science. In 1889 he commenced to teach in the Ohio State University, but was soon given a Fellowship in Clarke University, Worcester, Mass., where he remained three years. In July, 1892, he received the appointment of senior assistant in the Astrophysical Laboratory of the Smithsonian Institute. While a student at Clarke University he assisted Prof. Michelson in perfecting an instrument for measuring the length of a meter, to establish a reliable standard for the metric system. This instrument was for the French government. In the fall of 1892, in company with Prof. Michelson, he visited Paris, adjusting and testing the instrument to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned. At the present time, in connection with his laboratory work, he is a frequent contributor to several scientific papers published both in this country and in Europe. He was married September 6, 1893, to Miss Laura A. Poole, of Washington, D. C.

DR. N. H. CORNWELL, a well-known practicing physician and surgeon of North Amherst, was born January 4, 1847, in Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio. His father, N. H. Cornwell, was a native of Michigan, and married Mary Onstine, who was born in Amherst township, daughter of George and Rosina (Ruhl) Onstine, natives of Pennsylvania, who came in an early day to Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where they both died. Mr. Cornwell died in Elyria in 1847.

N. H. Cornwell was reared by his grandfather Onstine, at Amherst, at the public schools of which place he received his

early education. He was for some time engaged in the lumber business, inspecting lumber at Chicago from 1873 to 1876. He entered the Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio, whence he was graduated with the class of 1880, and first began practice at Port Clinton, coming shortly afterward to Lorain county, where he has since resided. Dr. Cornwell was married, in 1885, to Miss Josephine Barber, who was born in Amherst township, this county, daughter of Joseph Barber (now deceased). The latter was an early settler of northern Ohio, and came to Lorain county in 1863. Socially the Doctor is a member of the K. of P., and K. O. T. M., and is also a F. & A. M.

GIDEON L. STARR, who for many years has been actively identified with the business interests of Penfield township, is a prosperous, self-made agriculturist.

He is a son of Talcott and Mary (Lindsley) Starr, the former of whom was born in Danbury, Conn., and was reared to farm life. Talcott Starr was married in Harpersfield, Delaware Co., N. Y., in which State five children were born to him, as follows: Matthew L.; Maria, who was married in New York State to David Turner, a Methodist Episcopal minister, and died in Schoharie county, N. Y.; Angeline, who was married in New York to Benjamin Turner, and died in Rhinebeck, that State; Gideon L., subject of this sketch; and Alden, of Flint, Mich. Talcott Starr had made three trips to Penfield, Lorain Co., Ohio (driving the entire distance), where three of his brothers—Orrin, Raymond and William—had located, and in 1839 he sold his farm and other effects in New York State, and set out for the West. They arrived here after a long, tedious journey, driving a team of two horses, having come via Cleveland to Elyria, where they remained some years on a farm one mile east of his brother Raymond, who conducted a mercantile business. Later Mr. Starr traded that farm, which he had bought, to a man named Kemp for land in Penfield township, whither the family removed in 1855, and here the parents passed the remainder of their lives, the father dying October 15, 1872, the mother May 10, 1876; they are buried in Center cemetery. They were members of the M. E. Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. He was a very successful farmer, and was quite well-to-do.

Gideon L. Starr was born February 13, 1816, in Jefferson, Schoharie Co., N. Y., was trained to farming pursuits, and obtained his elementary education in the common schools. Later he attended a Methodist Episcopal school in Dutchess county, N. Y., preparing himself for the profession of teacher, which he followed in Delaware county (N. Y.) and elsewhere for several years. He accompanied his parents on their journey to Ohio, and drove the team, but after a short sojourn there returned to New York State, where, in Harpersfield, Delaware county, he was married, November 10, 1839, to Miss Polly Baird. She was born July 7, 1818, in Harpersfield, daughter of Daniel and Abigail (Dayton) Baird, early residents of that place, whither they had come from Watertown, Conn. After his marriage Mr. Starr settled on the old family home in Schoharie county, N. Y., which he had bought (going into debt for the same), and here followed farming, teaching school during the winter season. Later he was elected township examiner, and conducted teachers' examinations.

While living in New York State Mr. and Mrs. Starr had children as follows: Lemuel T., born November 30, 1840, a farmer of Penfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio; Similde A., born October 5, 1844, who died February 8, 1857, and Emer Gene, born July 14, 1847, who married Charles Canfield, of Litchfield, Medina

Co., Ohio, and died August 12, 1887. In the spring of 1849 our subject traded his farm in Schoharie county, and set out with his family for Ohio, after a two days' drive reaching Spraker's Basin, N. Y., whence he started, by way of the Erie Canal, for Buffalo, where he arrived six days later. Here he took the lake-boat for Cleveland, arriving the following morning in that city, where he was met by his brother Alden, who drove the family to Elyria, Lorain county, where the father lived. After some visiting in and around Elyria, Mr. Starr arrived on May 2, in Penfield township, passing the first night at the home of Lewis Hart. Here he purchased land, 121 acres in lot No. 51 east of the center, and forty-three acres west of the center, locating on the first-mentioned tract in a log house, quite different from the home in New York. Some of the wood on this farm had been cut by lumbermen, but the land was not yet fit for agricultural purposes, and it required considerable hard work to convert it into a fertile farm. Some time later another house was erected, which still stands, and on this place three children were added to the family circle, namely: Munson B., born October 30, 1849, who died February 8, 1854; Estella, born February 27, 1855, who married Edwin Sears, and lives in Litchfield, Ohio (while absent from home December 27, 1893, their house was burned); Lee W., born December 25, 1856, a farmer of Litchfield, Ohio, who was married June 25, 1882, to Celia Henderside. Mr. Starr was obliged to go into debt for his farm, and in the face of the predictions of older men, who had lived here for years, to the effect that he would never pay for it, he went to work with a determination, and met with a marked degree of success. Since his residence here farming has been his chief vocation, but he has also dealt extensively in stock. He is a hard worker, a good manager, and an excellent judge of stock, which knowledge has been of considerable benefit to him in managing various details of his business to advantage. He now owns 300 acres excellent land. Politically he is a Democrat, and in religious faith he and his wife belong to the M. E. Church, of which she has been a member sixty years. In 1885 they removed from the farm to the village of Penfield, where they now have a pleasant, comfortable home. Mr. Starr has twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

PAUL W. SAMPSELL, M. D. (deceased), was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, June 22, 1828. He received a liberal education in the common schools, after which he attended the Eclectic Medical School, then the Homeopathic School of Medicine at Cincinnati, Ohio, from both of which institutions he graduated.

He first practiced his profession at Ashland, Ohio, whence he removed to South Bend, Ind., where he practiced till failing health compelled him to seek a change. Concluding that a trip to the Pacific slope would materially assist him in recuperating, he crossed the Plains, about the year 1852, in a wagon in company with the Studebakers of South Bend, then young men and friends of the Doctor. On the journey they had in charge a number of wagons and several families. In California he remained for one year, at the end of which time he felt sufficiently well to return to his native State, which he did, and in 1854 made a permanent settlement in Elyria, where he continued in eclectic practice of medicine up to the time of his death. After locating in Elyria he was offered a Chair or Professorship in one of the colleges of Cincinnati, but declined acceptance, preferring to remain in active practice. As a physician Dr. Sampsell had no superior, and during his career probably had not a peer. He was in the enjoyment of a large office practice as well

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as an extensive ride both in and outside the city, and his popularity both professionally and socially brought him a wide circle of friends.

In 1855 Dr. Sampsell was married in Elyria to Miss Evaline Childs, and one son, Warren W., was born to them, but died Dec. 1, 1887. The doctor was called from earth May 8, 1888. Mrs. Sampsell is a native of Elyria, and comes of an early and much respected family. She is a lady of high culture, and commands the highest esteem in the county.

WILLIAM H. H. SUTLIFF, retired, one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Wellington township, has been closely identified with Lorain county and vicinity for the past seventy-three years.

He is a native of New York State, born July 22, 1815, in Erie county, a son of Salmon and Anna (Beeman) Sutliff, the former of whom was born in Genesee county, N. Y., in 1786, the latter on the Susquehanna river. In August, 1820, the family, consisting of father, mother and children, set out from their home in the East to seek a new one in the then wilds of Ohio. The journey was made with a team of horses and a wagon, conveying a few household goods; two cows and fifteen sheep being driven along. They passed through Buffalo, N. Y., at that time a low-lying village consisting of a few dirty cabins or shanties. On their arrival at Cleveland they counted thirteen small log houses, with not an acre of land cleared in any one place on Superior, the only street in the place. They were ferried across the Cuyahoga river, landing on the west side, where not a house was visible, but abundance of land for sale on which there was not a stick of timber, the soil being simply yellow sand. Proceeding onward, the party in due course reached Avon township, Lorain county, where they tarried a short time until a piece of land could be purchased on the so-called "Murray Tract," in Carlisle township, and a log house built for the family. Into this they moved January 1, 1821, before any of the cracks were chinked or mudded, and when only one-half of the floor was laid with puncheons or split logs. This cabin was afterward improved, being fully floored, chinked and mudded, a chimney built and hearth and fireplace constructed, with a pole placed a few feet above the hearth, from one side of the chimney to the other, on which to hang the pot or kettle. Their bread was made chiefly of cornmeal, sometimes rye-wheat flour being kept for special occasions; their meats were for the most part venison and young fatted pork; tea was scarcely known, and "coffee" was made by burning an ear of corn black and then steeping it in hot water, cooled with milk and sweetened with maple sugar. It should be mentioned here that on their way to their new home they passed through what is now the thriving town of Elyria, Lorain county, then composed of three little huts inhabited respectively by Heman Ely, A. Beebe and a Mr. Sholes, who kept a small grocery.

Salmon Sutliff was a great hunter, and the deer he killed supplied the family with not only venison, but also hides which were tanned into leather, from which they made shoes for all the family and breeches for the men's winter wear; he also trapped wolves for the Goverment bounty, eight dollars per scalp, in addition to which he could get one or two dollars for each hide. Bears he would run down by tracking them in the snow or driving them up trees; their hides were also of value, and their meat as good as pork for family use. Trees were cut down and burned in large heaps, the ashes being saved and leached, then liquid being made into black salts, same being sold for $2.25 to $2.50 per one hundred pounds—half cash and half trade, the latter being in goods at high figures, to wit: calico or cotton, twenty-five cents per

yard. In those days men raised flax and dressed it, then the women spun and wove it into linen and cloth for domestic use. Wild fruits of all kinds were found in abundance, especially cranberries, which would fetch seventy-five cents per bushel. So much for the natural history of the place about seventy years ago, although a vast deal more might be written of interest did space permit. Something has been said of the average dwelling, and next in importance come the schoolhouses. They were built of logs, chinked and mudded in the same manner as the cabins were, and supplied with a fireplace and chimney. The furniture consisted of slabs (with pegs stuck into them for legs) placed flat side up for seats, and a board, laid on pins let into the house logs, for writing desk. The grim dominie, armed with an awe-inspiring birch rod, sat in a corner by the fireplace, and at times varied the monotony of the school hours by flogging warmth into the more stupid boys at the farther end of the class. Five years elapsed after the coming of the Sutliff family before there were enough children in the neighborhood to warrant the organizing of a school district, and the using of such a building. Before the Sutliffs had raised any grain, Salmon would have to walk to Avon, a distance of twelve miles, and there labor for a bushel of corn, which he would carry on his shoulder to a gristmill known as "Hecock's mill," which after he had got it ground he would carry home through a dense forest teeming with wild beasts. On one occasion, accompanied as usual by his faithful dog, he came across a she bear and cubs, and the dog and bear had a fierce battle, which resulted in the total discomfiture of the former, he being badly "chawed up," though not killed.

In the early farming days the family would sow a little wheat or rye, as the case might be, and when ripe they would cut it down with a hand sickle, thresh it with a couple of sticks or flails, and clean it of the chaff, etc., with a large fan held by the hands and knees. In many things, especially in cases of sickness, they imitated the customs of the Indians, and in this respect it is related of Salmon Sutliff that when somewhat advanced in years he was stricken with what was supposed to be consumption, and hearing of an alleged cure for that disease, he resolved to adopt it, viz.: the swallowing of a rattlesnake's heart. Accordingly on a certain day he killed a yellow "rattler," about six feet long, took out the heart, put it into a bowl of cold water, and swallowed it all, his son, William H. H., being a witness to the act. It is not known how much of the consumption was cured, but he lived to see his seventy-second birthday pass, dying in 1858. He was a lifelong Whig and a member of the M. E. Church; he served in the war of 1812, and was a great admirer of Gen. Harrison, for whom he named his son, our subject. His widow was called from earth in 1870.

Thirteen children, as follows, were born to this honored couple: Silas B., who was captain of a steamboat, died of cholera at Joliet, Ill.; William H. H.; Asa G., who died in Minnesota about twelve years ago, was a farmer and drover, driving cattle from Texas; O. H. P., a resident of Carlisle township, Lorain county; Charles B., who was killed twelve years ago in a railroad accident near Elyria; Ralph O., a farmer at Chapin's Corners, Mich.; Lusetta, wife of Eli Wright, now residing in Wood county, Ohio; Warren C., a justice of the peace in Carlisle township; Lucinda, Mrs. Perkins, who died of dropsy (she was first married to a man named Lee); Jessie, residing in Michigan; Theodore, residing in Potterville, Eaton Co., Mich.; Miles W., in Penfield township, Lorain county; and Rosetta, wife of William Gott. The mother of this family was left an orphan when a child, and was brought up by a family named Osborne; she was a daughter of Silas Beeman. The grandfather of our subject, Gad Sutliff, was a native of England, whence with two brothers he came

to America, all being single men, and here they separated, all trace of the two who accompanied Gad being lost; the latter died at Clyde, Ohio, aged ninety years.

William H. H. Sutliff, the subject proper of this sketch, received his education in Carlisle township, Lorain county, attending the old log schoolhouse of the period, and experienced all the sufferings and privations incident to three-quarters of a century ago. His clothes were of the most primitive home-make, and he was twenty years of age before he had a pair of boots on his feet; but he was tough and hearty, and underwent all kinds of hardships—working on the farm by day, and hunting raccoons, skunks, porcupines, opossums, etc., by night. At the time the town of Oberlin was being laid out he worked there the better part of three years, chopping down the timber and clearing it off the land. In October, 1834, a Mr. Sill, who had come in from Black Rock to Oberlin, where he lived one year, bargained with our subject for the latter to drive four heavy oxen, pulling a load of goods (wagon and load weighing 6562 pounds) to Jonesville, Hillsdale Co., Mich., the route lying through a totally new country. Mr. Sill drove four oxen with a lighter wagon, containing the family, and they experienced many difficulties, at one place, near Maumee, the mud being so thick and deep that they made but little progress. They passed thirty-one taverns in thirty miles, but required to stop at only one of them, two nights, finally reaching Jonesville in safety; Mr. Sutliff then returned to Ohio, and did hard labor until March, 1838, when he engaged to drive a four-ox team from Carlisle township to Ionia, Mich. They traveled through the Maumee swamp before the frost had passed out of it, but got over in safety, and then proceeded with comparative ease to Jacksonburg through mud and storm, but were still seventy-five miles from their destination. From Jacksonburg they traveled to Marshall, the county seat of Calhoun county, thirty miles; thence to Kalamazoo thirty miles; thence seventy-five miles northeast to Ionia county, the entire journey occupying twenty-six days. Here Mr. Sutliff assisted in hewing out a new home in the woods, and building a log house, 18x24, into which the family moved within eleven days after their arrival, during which time they were living with a man named Webster.

In the same year, Mr. Sutliff having decided to revisit Ohio, he shouldered his knapsack, and set out alone, on foot, in one day reaching St John's, the county seat of Clinton county, Mich. From there he proceeded to Detroit, taking the nearest route, which was forty miles through the woods along an old Indian trail. About an hour before noon he met a big Indian, fully equipped with a rifle, tomahawk and knife; but Mr. Sutliff gave him a very brief interview, his looks being much more suggestive of a villain than a friend, and left him roasting a muskrat for his noon-hour meal. Our hero arrived in safety, however, at Livingston, Berrien county, after a tramp of forty miles between sunrise and sunset, and from there, after a rest, made his way to Detroit, which he reached in due time. From Detroit he took steamboat to Cleveland, a rough voyage, thence home by way of Carlisle, &c.

After this, in the same year, William H. H. Sutliff, Asa G. Sutliff and Philo Murry converted their effects into twenty head of cattle—oxen, new milch-cows, &c.—and started for Ionia, Mich. They pursued the same route, in due course reaching Marshall, Calhoun Co., Mich., and from there proceeded northward eleven miles, to the village of Hastings; thence to Vermontville, Eaton county, from which place they plodded their way through an unbroken wilderness, taking an Indian trail, one of the party leading the way with an axe, with which now and then he had to cut an opening through the bush. Sometimes the oxen would be "mired down" in

a tamarac swamp they had to pass through, and then they would have to be assisted out, and the entire party make a detour of about a mile. At the close of each day a halt would be made at some convenient spot, a fire built, the cows milked, and a quilt spread on Mother Earth, whereon the weary wayfarers would rest for the night. To use Mr. Sutliff's own graphic words: "We ate and drank and fared sumptuously during the three days and three nights we were in the wilderness, and came out hale and hearty!"

In September, 1840, Mr. Sutliff was married to Miss Phœbe D. Gott, of LaGrange, Ohio, a native of New York State, born March 22, 1821, and they had twelve children, all sons except one, of whom the following is a brief record: William H., born October 7, 1841, a drayman in Lorain, married Emily Allen, and they have two children — Milton and Phœbe; George B., born January 9, 1843, died July 21, 1845; Charles E. (his sketch is on page 603), born February 16, 1845, married Mary Hoffman, and they have two children, May E. and Floyd E; George Warren, born March 12, 1847, now residing in California, married Emma Bruce, and has four children—Belle, Bruce, George W. and one whose name is not given; John Laverdo, born May 6, 1849, died October 20, 1852; Stephen S., born August 16, 1851, died January 14, 1861; Martin Beeman, born April 16, 1854, died January 5, 1861; James Alvord, born August 5, 1856, died September 12, 1892 (he farmed on the home place; he was married to Miss Leona Barber, but had no children); Frederick Eugene (a hackman in Wellington), born November 17, 1859, married Prudence Coding, and they have two sons—Walter and Wilber; one son was still-born; Emma Jane, born August 7, 1862, wife of Bart Whitehead, residing in Wellington (they have one child, Phœbe Delilah); and Franklin Pierce, born September 9, 1864, a farmer who married Frances Dorchester.

In December, 1841, Mr. and Mrs. Sutliff (the latter carrying her two-months-old babe), with a pair of oxen, two cows and seven sheep, set out for Michigan to establish a new home on his property above alluded to, where they arrived in safety, rich in youth and health and strength, but poor in pocket, not having a dollar at their command. The young husband and father soon, however, had a good log house put up and furnished, and he continued making improvements on his land, besides working for others, clearing away the timber and brush and assisting in the building of schoolhouses, bridges, and log crossways; chopping out highways, and lumbering in the winter season. In this wilderness he encountered many dangers, especially from wild animals, and he did a good deal of trapping, catching in that way nine large grey wolves; he also killed a bear, first by the aid of his dog, driving it up a tree, which he chopped down, and then with his axe finished Bruin's earthly career. The amount of small game he killed was something that would make a modern-day Nimrod gasp with wonderment. On this land he lived from December, 1841, to February, 1852, — eleven years—at the end of which time he was induced to return to Lorain county, to care for his parents in their declining years. Accordingly he "swapped" his Michigan farm for one in Wellington township, and here he has since resided, for the past forty years, in the town of Wellington. One day in 1842, in passing through a piece of heavily-timbered land, four or five miles, with a team of oxen and a wagon, when about half-way through, he found a dead man, evidently thrown from a wagon, the horse having taken fright at something. Mr. Sutliff picked the body up, placed it in his wagon, and conveyed it to the nearest house, the act being justified by the law, which provided that after a dead body had lain in the woods eighteen hours, subject to mutilation by wild animals, the finder of the corpse may remove it. A

coroner's jury was summoned, and they endorsed by their verdict the facts as related by Mr. Sutliff.

Our subject's first wife died in 1888, and in December, 1891, he married Mrs. Dency Rugg, a native of LaGrange township, born in 1831, who by her first husband had three sons, namely: (1) Orrin David Rugg, born July 1, 1855, who is married and has two children—Leona C. and Edmund; (2) Frank E. Rugg, born July 27, 1857, residing in Huntington township, is married and has four children —Ermie, Earl, Laverdo and Grace; and (3) Charles Edison Rugg, residing in Huntington. The father of these, Edmund Rugg, was born in the State of New York, whence he came to Ohio when eleven years old. In February, 1854, he married Miss Dency Hulbert, of LaGrange township, Lorain Co., Ohio.

Mr. Sutliff's Michigan farm comprised 140 acres; his one in Wellington township, 126 acres. In politics he was originally a Republican, his first Presidential vote being cast for W. H. Harrison; in matters of religion he has been a member of the M. E. Church since he was sixteen years old.

A. G. COMINGS, mayor of Oberlin, and proprietor of one of the most extensive bookstores in Lorain county, is a native of Franklin county, Vt., born in 1856, a son of A. C. and Amanda (Jones) Comings, both also of the "Green Mountain" State, where they were married. They came to Lorain county, Ohio, when our subject was nine years old, and settled on a farm in Russia township, one mile from Oberlin. They had a family of six children, all educated at Oberlin, A. G. being the youngest; he has one brother living, publisher of a paper at Springfield, Mo. The father is living; the mother is deceased.

The subject of our sketch, after coming to Russia township, attended Oberlin College till he was twenty-one years old, after which he taught school ten years, in course of which time he served in the capacity of principal and superintendent at Conneaut, Ohio, and other places. He then permanently settled in Oberlin, and in 1889 bought his present business, which has since increased to such an extent that he has had to enlarge his premises.

On June 20, 1878, Mr. Comings was united in marriage with Emelie Royce, who was born in Oberlin March 27, 1856, a daughter of S. and Martha Royce. To Mr. and Mrs. Comings two children have been born: Charles and Harriet. In his political predilections our subject is a Republican, has been a member of the city council two years, and mayor of Oberlin since April, 1892. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

R. E. BRAMAN, county coroner for Lorain county, and township assessor of Elyria township, is a native of the county, born at Carlisle October 20, 1838.

Anson Braman, father of our subject, was born in 1811 in Genesee county, N. Y. In 1822 his parents came from that county to Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio. In 1832 Anson removed from Avon to Carlisle, where he followed the business of a farmer and nurseryman, and in 1855 came to Elyria, same county, where he established the nurseries now owned by J. C. Hill. From Elyria he went to Northport, Mich. He was married, in 1835, in Carlisle, to Miss Emeline Vincent, who was born at Mt. Washington, Berkshire Co., Mass., October 10, 1818.

R. E. Braman was reared on his father's farm and educated at the Elyria public schools. At the age when he should have been entering the arena of professional or business life, the Civil war broke out, and fired by the spirit of patriotism he enlisted, August 9, 1861, in Company I,

Eighth O. V. I., and was mustered into the service at Columbus, Ohio. On the first day of his service he was promoted to corporal, afterward to sergeant, and finally to lieutenant, his commission, however, not being issued till July 25, 1864. Our subject participated in the following battles and skirmishes: Hanging Rock, Va.; Romney, Va. (both battles); Blues Gap; French Store; Blooming Gap; Cedar Creek; Strasburgh; Kernstown; Winchester; Cedar Creek (second battle); Woodstock; Edinburgh; Mt. Jackson; Rood's Hill; New Market; Front Royal; Harrison's Landing; Chickahominy Swamps; Germantown (all these in Virginia); Monocacy Bridge, Md.; South Mountain, Md.; Chancellorsville, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Kilwinter, Md. After which he was present at the following engagements in Virginia: Falling Water, Culpeper Courthouse, Robinson's River, Rappahannock Station, Bealeton, Auburn, Bristol Station, Centerville, Kelly's Ford, Robertson's Tavern, Mine Run, Morton's Ford, Wilderness, Todd's Furnace, Po River, Spottsylvania and North Anna. At the last named battle he received a shot through the thigh, which crippled him for life, and he remained in hospital until August 25, 1864, when he returned home.

In 1865 Mr. Braman married Miss Helen M. Nickerson, a native of Wellington, Ohio, and four children—Edith M., Harry E., Hattie L. and Frank R.—were born to them. For a short time after the war Mr. Braman was engaged in the coal business, but since 1868 he has almost constantly been holding local offices of trust. In that year he was elected township assessor of Elyria township, an incumbency he has filled continuously since, with the exception of the period he was county sheriff—1872 to 1876. He was elected county coroner in 1881, and has filled the office ever since without interruption. He has served as constable of Elyria township several years, and is, at present, deputy city marshal. His pension for services in the war was originally thirty dollars per month, which was raised to forty-five dollars by special Act of Congress. Politically he is a stanch Republican; socially he is a member of the G. A. R. Post, No. 65, Elyria (in which he has been senior vice-commander), of the Royal Arcanum and Knights of Honor.

G. H. ROBBINS, ex-treasurer of Lorain county, is a native of same, born September 25, 1826, fourth in the order of birth of the nine children of Joseph and Mehitabel (Hurlbut) Robbins, natives of Connecticut.

The parents of subject moved to Jefferson county, N. Y., and there followed farming until 1825, when they came to Ohio and settled in the woods of La Grange township, Lorain county, where they cleared a farm and remained till the father was about seventy years old. They then retired into the village of La Grange, and there passed the remainder of their busy lives, the mother dying in 1878, at the age of seventy-nine years, the father in 1880, at the patriarchal age of ninety-one. He was in politics first a Democrat, then a Free-soiler, and lastly a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church, in which he was a deacon from 1840 up to the time of his death. His father (grandfather of subject) was a native of Ashford, Conn., a farmer by occupation, and died in La Grange, Lorain county, when his grandson, G. H., was a boy.

The subject proper of these lines received a liberal education at the common schools of the vicinity of his first home, and until he was twenty-four years old followed agricultural pursuits. He then entered mercantile business in the town of La Grange, and continued in same with encouraging success until 1880, when he was elected county treasurer, in which office he served two terms (four years). At

the time of his receiving the incumbency he moved into Elyria, and has since been one of its most prominent and respected citizens. Since 1856 he has been a zealous Republican, prior to which he was a Democrat.

In 1853 Mr. Robbins was united in marriage with Miss Mary F. Perkins, who has borne him two children, Louise L. and Hettie J. Mary F. Perkins was born February 12, 1828, at Burlington, Otsego Co., N. Y., and is the eldest daughter and second child in the family of eight children—four sons and four daughters—born to Thomas and Lucy (Fitch) Perkins, who were also natives of the same place. Her early years were spent in Virgil, Cortland Co., N. Y., and in 1849 she removed with her parents to Grafton, Ohio. For several years previous to her marriage she was engaged in teaching, in which profession she was very successful. Thomas Perkins was a descendant of John Perkins, one of two brothers who migrated from England to Boston about the year 1700.

HENRY E. MUSSEY, a prominent business man of Elyria, and a leading financier of Ohio, commands more than a passing notice in the pages of this volume. He was born August 18, 1818, in Washington county, N. Y., where he passed his early school days.

Reuben Mussey, father of our subject, was a native of New Hampshire, born in Dover, October 14, 1785. He studied law, and was admitted to the bar at Albany, N. Y., in 1818, and practiced his profession at Sandy Hill, N. Y., in partnership part of the time with Judge Skinner, also law partner with B. F. Butler, of New York, and part of the time with Hon. Silas Wright, subsequently U. S. Senator in New York State. In 1825 he came to Elyria, his family following August 10, 1826, and here he remained, devoting himself chiefly to the practice of his profession, teaching school in the county, and in other occupations, including that of justice of the peace, until the fall of 1837, when he removed with all his family (excepting his son, Henry E.), to Rockford, Ill., where he continued in the practice of the law until his death, which occurred October 14, 1843.

Henry E. Mussey completed his education in Elyria under the preceptorship of Rev. John Monteith, and at the age of fourteen commenced the battle of life with no capital save energy, willing heart and hands, and sound judgment. He takes pride in relating how he chopped cord-wood in Elyria at eighteen and three-quarter cents and twenty cents. Choosing the arena of mercantile trade, he became clerk for Kendall & Parsons, where close application to business, steadiness and integrity soon brought him advancement till we find him in course of time senior partner of Mussey & Fuller, which subsequently became H. E. Mussey & Co., and he claims that the secret of the unbounded success the firm met with was the strictly cash basis upon which they operated—buying for cash and selling for cash. In 1842 Mr. Mussey went west and took up a large amount of land in Minnesota. He was in Chicago when land there that is now worth millions could have been bought for a mere song; but from his experience he avers that money loaned at six per cent per annum is a better and safer investment than average real-estate investments. During the "forties" he made more than one trip to Michigan and elsewhere, carrying with him different bank currencies, and making exchanges at various places, selling at a discount for gold and trading currency for currency, in order to get Ohio money or gold. In 1857 he sold out his mercantile business to Baldwin, Laundon & Nelson, and engaged in lake shipping, becoming, from that time, interested also in banking and real estate.

In 1843 Mr. Mussey was united in marriage with Miss Caroline M. Kendall, of Suffield, Conn., and five children were born to them—three sons and two daughters—Henry, who died at the age of eighteen months; and Eugene K., Reno F., Caroline E. and Flora B., all living at the present time. A stanch Democrat, Mr. Mussey has at all times been loyal to his party and country, but has never aspired to office, nor has he ever taken active part in political contests. For thirty continuous years he has been a member of the school board of Elyria, for twenty-four its treasurer, and during many years its president. He is vice-president of the National Bank of Elyria, and a director of the Cleveland National Bank of Cleveland, both of which institutions he assisted in organizing; is president of the Mussey Stone Company, one of the largest stone interests in Ohio; is largely interested in the Cambridge Consolidated Coal Company; besides in many other enterprises—financial and otherwise—and has taken pride and pleasure in contributing liberally of his time and means to whatever tended to the prosperity and welfare of the community at large.

Mr. Mussey is possessed of a most retentive memory, recalling with wonderful accuracy the details of incidents which occurred within his own view during his long life; and he believes that memory is the divinest attribute of man, permitting him to live over again the happy days of his past life. He has in his possession a budget of souvenirs illustrative in a measure of the rapid strides this country has made during the past few decades—such as letters written in the "thirties" before envelopes came into use, and the postage was thirty-seven and one-half cents per half ounce between Elyria and Indiana. He saw the day when the mail for Elyria was brought on horseback in a single bag three times a week, and has witnessed all the improvements since, from the daily stage to the present age of steam, telegraph and telephone, with postage gradually reduced to two cents per ounce to any part of the United States, and the single mail bag of three times a week developed into many such—pouring their contents, correspondence from all parts of the civilized world—several times a day in every day of the year. He has also been a witness to great political changes in the nation, and one of the greatest improvements that he marks was the transformation of a State currency to a National one. Mr. Mussey has seen dark periods of panics and financial depression, but by keen foresight and careful management he always succeeded in steering his affairs clear of shoals and the impending vortex. During the war of the Rebellion, he was true to his colors, gave much of his time and means toward the defense of the Union, and was a member of the local military committee. In religious connection his family are members of the Baptist Church, of which he has ever been a liberal supporter. Socially he has always been liberal, frank and genial, in business never else than scrupulously honorable and honest.

HM. PARKER, A. M., superintendent of public schools, Elyria, is a native of Licking county, Ohio, born in December, 1835, a son of John and Persis (Follett) Parker, natives of Franklin county, Vt. They come of old Puritan stock, and the first of the family in Ohio came about the year 1835.

His grandfather was a soldier of the Revolution, and an officer in the war of 1812. One of his great-grandfathers was killed in the Revolution, and another was an officer throughout that war, and judge of the first Supreme Court of Vermont.

Our subject received a liberal education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his birthplace, and at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, from which insti-

H. M. Parker.

tution he graduated in 1859. He entered upon the profession of teaching at the Granville Male Academy, of which he was principal for one year. He served two years as principal of the Second Ward Schools in Zanesville, Ohio, under the superintendency of Gen. M. D. Leggett. He resigned this position to accept the superintendency of the Elyria Public Schools, from which work he was called two years later, 1864, to take charge of the Mansfield Public Schools, which position he held till 1873, when he resigned to return to the Public Schools of Elyria, where he still remains. Mr. Parker is a member of the National and the Ohio State Educational Associations, and is a regular attendant at their meetings; he has served on various committees thereof, and as president of the Ohio Association; he was a member of the State examining board three years, having received his appointment from Col. D. F. DeWolf. While a resident of Richland county, Ohio, he was a member of the board of county examiners, and since coming to Lorain has been a member of the board of examiners of that county, some twenty years. At a convention of the Knights of the Maccabees of Ohio, held at Lakeside, Ohio, in July, 1892, Mr. Parker was elected Great Commander for the State. At the close of the year he was reëlected to the same responsible position.

WILLIAM HELDMYER, prominent in the commercial circles of Elyria, and one of the most extensive hardware merchants in Lorain county, is a native of the Buckeye State, born in Medina county April 13, 1850. He is a son of Jacob and Julia Heldmyer, natives of Wittenberg, Germany, who came to America in 1848, settling in Medina county, Ohio. The father, who was first a harness maker and later a farmer by occupation, died early in life; the mother is yet living in Elyria.

William Heldmyer at about the age of fourteen years left home and worked in various cities throughout the country, finally, in 1867, locating in Elyria, where he first found employment on the L. S. & M. S. Railroad, but it was not until 1880 that his career of success commenced. At that time he opened out, in conjunction with Mr. Wright and Mr. Semple, a hardware store in Elyria, under the firm name of Heldmyer, Wright & Semple, and three years later he bought out the entire concern, carrying same on for some three years longer as sole proprietor. He then received into partnership Mr. John Krantz, and for the past several years the prosperity of the firm has become as a proverb in the community, while others have not succeeded so well. William Heldmyer & Co. bought out the entire stock of H. Brush & Co. (at the time of their failure in Elyria), consisting of hardware, implements, etc. About this time the firm of W. H. Semple & Son also failed in business, and our subject purchased their stock of stoves, etc. The firm also bought out the stock of W. E. Brooks, one of the largest implement dealers in northern Ohio, and with this large stock of goods—the practical consolidation of four separate businesses—William Heldmyer & Co. presented themselves to the public as the largest general hardware dealers in Lorain county. In addition to the articles already enumerated, they include in their stock agricultural implements of all kinds, farm vehicles, buggies, wagons, etc., as well as hardware of every description, seeds, phosphates, etc. The building they occupy, and which they own, is 50 x 165 feet, three floors of which they use, besides a warehouse filled with goods. Mr. Heldmyer is a stockholder in the Savings Deposit Bank Co., of Elyria, in the Lake Erie Electric Light Company at Lorain, and in the steamship "Veca." In politics he is a Republican, and has been a member of the city council for four years. He is a representative self-made man, all that he

has made being due entirely to his own indomitable perseverance and irrepressible energy.

In 1874 Mr. Heldmyer was united in marriage with Miss Mary Beese, of Elyria, by which union there are four children: Florence, Alice, Leona and Harry, all living. In the spring of 1893 Mr. Heldmyer purchased the "Metropolitan Hotel" of Elyria, and August 1, same year, bought a one-third interest in the "Andwur Hotel," an elegant hostelry costing ninety thousand dollars. His home is situated at Middle avenue and Fourth street.

HEMAN E. STARR, who for the past sixty years, or nearly so, has been a resident of Penfield township, is a son of Orrin Starr, who was a representative pioneer citizen of same.

Orrin Starr was born October 30, 1803, in Delaware county, N. Y., a son of Eleazer and Rebecca (Clapp) Starr, old settlers of that county, where he passed his early years on the home farm. He received his literary training in the common schools of his native county, but when seven years old he was left fatherless, and the duties of assisting in the support of the family and his widowed mother devolved upon him. In 1834 he disposed of his interest in the family estate, and migrating to Lorain county, Ohio, settled on a farm a mile and a half northeast of Penfield Center, at which time the present territory of Penfield township contained but two frame dwellings. On September 12, 1825, he had married Miss Abigail, daughter of Heman and Lucinda Hickok, of Schoharie county, N. Y., and they had passed a happy wedded life of over fifty-six years, when, on April 30, 1882, he was called from earth; he was buried in Penfield cemetery. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Starr has resided on the home farm with her son Clapp R., who now owns the place. Mr. and Mrs. Starr were the parents of eleven children, viz.: Melinda (deceased), Minerva and Maria (twins), Heman E. (our subject), Elizabeth (who died in Kansas), Alonzo B. (who died at Mount Vernon, Ky., of disease contracted in the army), Hiram H., Emma L. (deceased), Edna, Clapp R., and Marian A. (deceased). In politics he was originally an Old-line Whig, later a Republican, and was elected justice of the peace in his township, but resigned after serving a year, feeling that his personal affairs required his exclusive attention; he was also elected to other township offices. He and his wife were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the latter having joined it in her youth. He was a very successful man, and at the time of his death owned 237½ acres of excellent land in the center of Penfield township.

Heman E. Starr was born March 30, 1831, at Harpersfield, Delaware Co., N. Y., and when three and a half years old was brought by his parents to Penfield township. He received his education in the district schools of the neighborhood of his boyhood home, then held in old log houses, his first teacher being Miss Mary Hayes, but being the eldest son he was unable to avail himself of many advantages. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed on the home farm until the age of twenty-one, when he took up his home with an uncle, Talcott Starr; but after residing with him only thirteen days he was taken ill, and he did not recover for a year. On November 13, 1852, he was united in marriage with Miss Amelia M. Gaylord, who was born May 12, 1833, in Harpersfield, N. Y., daughter of Milton and Hannah (Eells) Gaylord, who came to Penfield township in 1836, and later settled in Wellington township. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William Runnals, a Methodist Episcopal minister. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Starr resided for a short time with her father in

Wellington, and in the following spring settled on their present farm, three-quarters of a mile south of the center of Penfield township. At the time of their coming but a small portion of this place was cleared, and they first lived thereon in a home that cost twenty dollars, complete. Here he has since erected a pleasant dwelling, and now owns 130 acres of excellent farm land. Mr. and Mrs. Starr have had three children, viz.: Milton G., a farmer of Penfield township, who married Miss Hattie Noble (daughter of Mortimer E. and Helen A. (Olmstead) Noble, residents of Swanton, Ohio), and has one child, Winifred L.; Lizzie, who died young; and Harry E., a hardware merchant of McComb, Hancock Co., Ohio. Our subject has always followed farming, and for a number of years has conducted a dairy business in connection therewith. In his political preferences he is a Republican, and has served as trustee and in various other township positions. He has also held offices in the Congregational Church, of which he and his wife are members.

WILLIAM GRAVES SHARP is a native of Ohio, born at Mount Gilead March 14, 1859, and is descended from one of the oldest and most honored families in Maryland.

George Sharp, grandfather of subject, and his son (also named George), both natives of Maryland, were among the first editors in Ohio, in which State and in Maryland they held honorable political positions. The grandfather died at Mount Gilead, and is buried there. The father of William G. married Miss Mahala Graves, who was descended from an old Connecticut family. They had but two children, William G. and George W., the latter of whom was the youngest senator of Michigan; he is a graduate of Elyria high school and Michigan University, and is now an attorney at law in Michigan.

The subject of these lines received a liberal education, in part at the common schools, and in part at the high schools of Elyria, from which latter he graduated. He then took a course at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he graduated in the class of 1881 in law, and part of the literary course. When he left college he found himself poor in a financial point of view, but rich in a harvest of literary and legal lore. He then made a trip west to Minnesota and Dakota, and at Fargo, in the last named State, entered newspaper work, becoming local editor and finally editor-in-chief. Returning to Ohio, he opened a law office in Elyria, and soon afterward we find him forming a partnership with Lester McLean in Elyria. In 1884 he was elected, on the Democratic ticket, to the office of prosecuting attorney, overcoming an adverse majority of more than 2,000, and after three years was nominated for State senator in his District, but was defeated, although he ran considerably ahead of his ticket. In 1892 he was a Presidential elector for Ohio on the Democratic ticket, and has been chairman of County and Congressional District Committees at various times. About five years ago he became interested as attorney for certain Tennessee business corporations, and in many other enterprises, from which connection with Tennessee capitalists he was enabled to organize a number of large manufacturing concerns in the United States and Canada. He also visited several South American Republics for the same purpose, meeting with encouraging success, but was interrupted by the Chilean war. Mexico was also visited by him in similar interests, and with a like result, and he is now a director and stockholder in half a dozen different companies, requiring more or less attention. He numbers among his friends and business associates some of the most prominent capitalists in this country, both in the North and South, whose confidence he enjoys in the highest degree In the meantime his

home is still in Elyria, as is also his law office; but so much of his time is given to manufacturing enterprises that he has but little to spare for clientage. While in regular practice he made a record equal to the best, being successful in a very large proportion of the State cases entrusted to him as prosecuting attorney. In 1891 he began the erection of the W. G. Sharp block in Elyria, which is built of pressed brick, and is three stories in height, having the interior fitted up with hardwood, marble and tile. Mr. Sharp has traveled extensively in nearly every country except the extreme Orient, and has profited much by his observation of men and things. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., K. O. T. M. and K. of P.

FRANK W. BENNETT, president of the Wellington (Brick) Machine Co., of Wellington, Ohio, comes of stalwart English ancestry, and of patriotic Revolutionary stock in this country.

His grandfather, a native of either Vermont or Massachusetts, served in the Revolution. He was a Baptist preacher for a very long period, and died at the patriarchal age of ninety-two years in Wellington, Lorain Co., Ohio, where his wife also ended her days. They came to Ohio with their family some time in the winter of 1832–33. They had two children: Isaac, father of subject, and Fannie, who married Peter Bost, of Penfield, Lorain county.

Isaac Bennett, father of subject, was born in Vermont in 1800, and came with his parents to Ohio when he was about thirty-two years of age. He taught school both before and after coming here, but chiefly gave writing lessons in Lorain county. In course of time he opened out a brick manufacturing business, which he carried on some years; also owned a sawmill, and made rakes and such like agricultural implements in a shop he built for the purpose. For seventeen years he served as a justice of the peace, and it is stated by good authority that no decision of his was ever overruled by higher courts. He was librarian of the public library at Wellington many years, and in every public enterprise showed himself in a substantial way to be a useful, loyal citizen. He was a zealous Baptist as long as there was a church or congregation of that denomination in the neighborhood, but died a member of the Disciple Church, that event taking place in 1886, when he was aged about eighty-seven years; his wife, Esther (Childs), passed away in 1891. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Lewis, of whom special mention will presently be made; Tirzah, who married a Mr. Kirk; William, residing in Wellington; Charles, also in Wellington; Levi, deceased, and Frank W., subject of sketch.

Frank W. Bennett, whose name introduces this sketch, was born December 5, 1843, in Wellington, Lorain Co., Ohio. He received a liberal education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth, and at the age of nineteen laid aside his Ovid and Sallust for the musket and sword. In 1863 he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-sixth O. V. I., six months service, and was discharged February 10, 1864; February 1, 1865, he enlisted, second time, in the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth O. V. I., and was honorably discharged June 8, 1865. In the first company he served he was a corporal, and during his last enlistment he was in the regimental band. After the war he commenced the manufacture of cheese boxes in Wellington, Lorain county, which industry he conducted until purchasing an interest in his present business, originally known as Bennett Bros. & Co., but since incorporated into a stock company under the title of the Wellington Machine Co. This company is extensively engaged in the manufacture of brick machinery, an industry which, under their management

and control, has grown from small proportions to one of considerable magnitude. In connection with this they own the Quaker Brick Machine, the sale of which they have pushed in all parts of the United States, as well as brickyard supplies. In 1890 they put up their present manufacturing building, which contains about half an acre of floor space, and they employ an average of seventy-five men. In 1867 Mr. Bennett married Miss Ella Roys, who was born in Norfolk, Litchfield Co., Conn., in 1848, and came to Ohio with her parents in 1857. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have one child—Roy C. Politically our subject is an ardent Republican.

Lewis Bennett, eldest brother of Frank W., is a native of Vermont, born September 7, 1824, and received nearly all his schooling in Lorain county. Till he was in his twenty-third year he worked in his father's brickyard, after which he carried on a similar business for his own account, some thirty years, in Wellington, Lorain county, making by hand most of the brick used in the erection of all the best houses in the town. In 1871 he built the "Park Hotel" in Wellington, a well known and popular hostelry. In 1847 he married Miss Fannie Lewis, a native of Medina county, Ohio, born in September, 1830, and two children have been born to them, both now deceased, the son at the age of two years, the daughter (who had married, but had no children) when thirty years of age. Politically Mr. Bennett is a lifelong Republican, and in matters of religion is a member of the Disciple Church.

O. T. MAYNARD, M. D., a leading physician of Lorain county, and a resident of Elyria, was born September 14, 1851, in Ripley township, Huron Co., Ohio. He is a son of George and Polly (Woodward) Maynard, natives of New York State, both of whom are yet living, and carrying on farming in Ripley township, Huron county, where they have resided ever since their marriage, in 1850.

Our subject was reared on a farm, and received his elementary education in the common schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth. So hard did he study, and so apt was he as a student, that from being a scholar he became a teacher before he was twenty-one years old, and all the money he earned up to that age went toward the support of the family. After that period of his life he continued teaching during winter time, and working on a farm in summers, saving his money in order to enable him to follow out the ambition of his boyhood and youth—to become a physician. In 1873 he commenced the study of medicine, the same year entering the Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he took his degree of M. D. in 1875. During the two succeeding years he was assistant physician in the Northwestern Ohio Asylum for the Insane at Toledo, Ohio. In the general practice of his profession Dr. Maynard opened out first at Middletown, Ohio, whence, in 1878, he moved to North Amherst, in Lorain county, and here he practiced over seven years, during which time he took a post-graduate course at the Medical College, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, graduating there in 1884. In 1885 and '86 the Doctor spent six months in the Polyclinic, New York, taking another post-graduate course. In 1886, on his return, he moved to Elyria, Ohio, and established his present lucrative practice. The winter of 1888–89 he passed in Europe, visiting various medical institutions in London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna, spending a whole year in post-graduate work; in addition to all of which he took a short course at the Homeopathic Medical College, Chicago, in 1892, and spent six weeks at the Post-graduate School of New York, in the fall of 1893. This is an experience of study that few medical men in Ohio can boast of, and Dr. Maynard is

justly recognized as one of the leading practitioners in his county, while at the same time he is almost the youngest man there in the profession.

Dr. O. T. Maynard was married, in 1877, to Miss Mary E. Lyman, niece of Dr. B. A. Wright, superintendent of the Northwestern Ohio Asylum for the Insane at Toledo, already mentioned. In politics he is a Republican, and socially is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the I. O. F., the Cuyahoga County Medical Society, the Society of Medical Sciences of Cleveland, and the Ohio State Medical Society. He has been an active member of the Baptist Church ever since he was married, having united with that Church at Cincinnati during his student life.

CHARLES E. WILSON, county commissioner of Lorain county (with residence in Elyria), is a native of same, born in Avon township, August 26, 1840.

His father, William Wilson, was born in 1812 in Northamptonshire, England, whence at about the age of eighteen years he came to the United States, locating in Cleveland, Ohio, for a few years. He there married Miss Elvira Clisbee, and the young couple then (1839) moved to Avon township, Lorain county, settling on a piece of land, at that time all covered by the forest. He died January 19, 1860, aged forty-seven years, two months, nineteen days, a Democrat in politics, a Baptist in religion. His father, also named William, came from England to this country, and died in Avon township, Lorain county; he was twice married, his first wife dying in England, his second in Avon township. Our subject's mother, who is at present living at Tabor, Iowa, aged seventy-three years, comes of New England stock. She is the mother of six children, of whom the following is brief mention: Charles E. is the subject of this sketch; Nancy is the wife of N. S. Phelps, of Glenwood, Iowa; Louis E. is in Atchison county, Mo.; Anna is the wife of J. Graves, of Tabor, Iowa; Willis S. died when twenty-three years old; Alice is also deceased.

Charles E. Wilson, the subject proper of this sketch, received his elementary education at the common schools of Avon township, which was supplemented with an attendance of one term at Oberlin College. In 1864 he enlisted in Company H, First Ohio Heavy Artillery, which served in eastern Tennessee. He remained in the army until the close of the war, and was in active service at the time of Lee's surrender, after which he came home, and in the fall of the same year drove a team to Iowa, where he resided one year on a farm. Once more coming to Lorain county, he married Miss Elzina Lucas, and then settled on the old homestead which at that time he rented, but later bought. They lived there until 1886, when he located in Elyria. He is a stockholder in the Elyria Savings Deposit Bank Co.; has been a member of the board of directors of the Lorain County Agricultural Society; he is affiliated with the G. A. R., and is a F. & A. M. He is a Republican in politics, and has been a member of the city council and of the board of education. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were born two children, viz.: Alice, who was married, June 8, 1893, to F. E. Edwards, and lives in Medina, Ohio, where her husband is a leading dry-goods merchant, and Grace, who departed from earth at the early age of sixteen years. The family are members of the M. E. Church.

SMITH STEELE is a son of John and Pollie (St. John) Steele, and was born in Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio, October 27, 1819.

His father, a native of Delaware county, N. Y., where he married, was a tanner and currier, and harness and saddle maker. In

1818 he came to Lorain county, settling in Avon township, where he followed his trade for some years, and then, about 1826, removed to North Amherst. Here he passed from earth at the age of sixty-six years. The mother of our subject was born in Connecticut, and reared in Delaware county, N. Y.; she died in California. A brief record of their children is as follows: Julia Ann married O. Williams, of Avon township, Lorain county, and died there; at one time they lived in Michigan. John C., a farmer, lived in Avon township, Lorain county, for a time, then in North Amherst, where he died; his daughter is living on his late farm. R. E. went from North Amherst to California, where he had ranches, and died very wealthy. Horace S., who was a carpenter and joiner and also a farmer, went to California, and lived on a ranch. Nathaniel was a resident of North Amherst, and died while visiting in New York State. Mary B. married S. J. Finney, a professor and lecturer, who was elected to the Assembly of California; she died in Pescadero, Cal. The seventh in order of birth is Smith, the subject of sketch. Emeline married Isaac Steele, and is reputed wealthy; they live in Pescadero, California.

Smith Steele received but a limited education, and was reared to the arduous duties of farm life. In 1841 he was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Ormsby, who was born in North Amherst January 27, 1822, and whose parents were among the first pioneers of North Amherst. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Steele remained a short time on the farm, and then moved to North Amherst, where for six years he carried on a store, and for three years a hotel, at the end of which time they again went on the farm. In 1869 they returned to North Amherst, where they built a nice residence. Mr. Steele had twenty-two acres of prime land, and followed agriculture until his retirement from active life in 1873. He and his wife visited California three times, on one occasion spending a year in the "Eureka State." Mr. and Mrs. Smith Steele have two children living—H. N. and Eber—two having died—Mary, born January 29, 1843, died at the age of two years; Hattie May, born October 29, 1849, died October 8, 1864. H. N. was born December 20, 1845, and was educated at Oberlin College; he is now cashier of the Savings Deposit Bank of North Amherst. Eber was born December. 16, 1847, and educated at Oberlin; he is now secretary in the same bank as his brother. Politically our subject was originally a Democrat, but is now a Republican; he and his wife are Spiritualists. He is a stockholder in the North Amherst Bank, and in the Lorain Steamship Company.

Rev. Caleb Ormsby, father of Mrs. Smith Steele, was born at Becket, Berkshire Co., Mass., August 10, 1789, and died July 31, 1864, in North Amherst, Ohio. He received his education in his native town, and in New York State, in which latter he was married in 1811, to Catherine Stanton. In 1820 they came to Ohio and made a settlement in Amherst township, having previously bought the land on which the village of North Amherst now stands. He was a circuit preacher in the M. E. Church for about forty years, riding many miles to the various meeting houses, and he had a wide reputation for preaching funeral sermons. Besides his duties as a preacher, Mr. Ormsby carried on farming, and became wealthy. He died July 31, 1864, a lifelong Republican. His wife was born in Rhode Island, and died in 1872. Their children were as follows: Isaac C., born January 5, 1813, died in 1875 (he was a sailor on the lakes); Mary C., married to John Williams, of Avon township, Lorain county, died about the year 1832; Caleb N., born August 27, 1824, was a farmer, and died June 29, 1844.

H. N. Steele, cashier of the Savings Deposit Bank, North Amherst, is a native of that town, born December 20, 1845, a

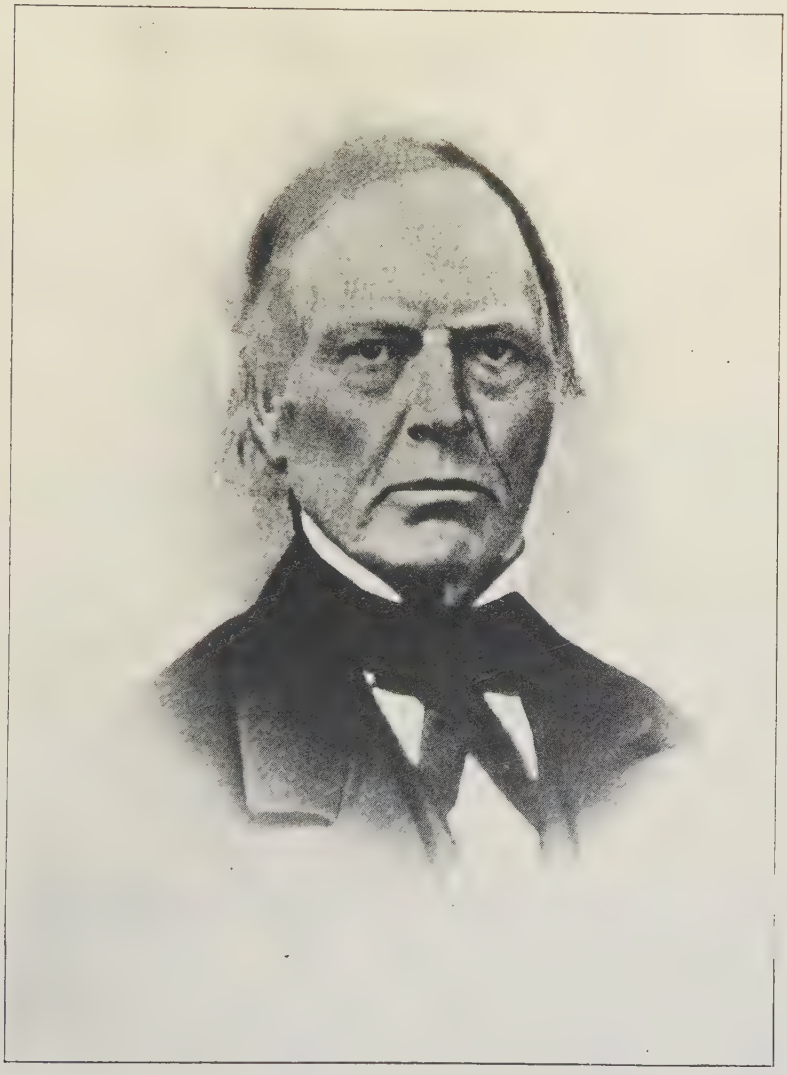
son of Smith and Lydia (Ormsby) Steele. He received his education at Oberlin College, after which he commenced business at North Amherst. For some time he was in the milling business, and for about five years carried on agriculture. He was one of the organizers of the Savings Deposit Bank in North Amherst, and March 12, 1891, he was appointed cashier of same.

Mr. Steele was united in marriage, September 20, 1867, with Miss Ellen Gawne, and four children have been born to them, as follows: Edgar, Franklin, Florence and May. Our subject is a Republican, and a member of the K. of P. He is a stockholder in the North Amherst Furniture Company, and in the Lorain Steamship Company. Mr. Steele is a man of excellent business capacity, and an expert in financial matters.

JOSEPH L. WHITON, JR., a prominent farmer of Amherst township, is a worthy representative of an early pioneer family. His grandparents were Joseph L. and Amanda Whiton, and the following is a brief record of their children: Harriet, born March 7, 1796, is now deceased; Amanda, born October 10, 1797, is also deceased; Samantha, born August 30, 1794, came to Lorain county, and died December 13, 1878, in St. Charles, Minn.; Joseph L. is the father of our subject; Daniel G., born March 20, 1801, came to Lorain county, but subsequently went to Wisconsin, and died there March 20, 1866; Edward V., born June 2, 1805, came to Lorain county, and afterward went to Janesville, Rock Co., Wis., where he became prominent in the early history of the county, and served as judge, deciding the Barstow case (he died April 12, 1859); Eliza, born April 16, 1807, died June 15, 1885, at Clifton, Va.; Catherine, born March 8, 1810, died August 14, 1836; and Agnes, born August 12, 1813, is deceased. The father of this family was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He died August 16, 1828.

Joseph L. Whiton was born July 14, 1799, in Lee, Berkshire Co., Mass., and came to Lorain county, Ohio, at the age of twenty years, locating on land in Black River township. He afterward returned to Massachusetts, where he was married December 18, 1829, to Lavina Wright, a native of Springfield, that State, and in 1830 they came to Amherst township, Lorain county, settling in the then wilderness, where they passed the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of three children, viz.: Agnes, who married Henry Allen, of New York, and died in Amherst township August 1, 1863; Catherine, wife of M. W. Axtell, of North Amherst, and Joseph L. Mr. Whiton took great interest in the politics of his day; he served for twelve years as justice of the peace; for seven years he was associate judge in the court of common pleas; he represented his county in the Legislature during the winter of 1849–50, and was always very active in public affairs. He died April 26, 1869, his wife surviving him till April 8, 1874, when she too passed away.

Joseph L. Whiton, Jr., was born March 28, 1848, on his present farm in Amherst township, received his education in the district schools, and has always followed farming. On June 24, 1874, he was married in Amherst township to Miss Annetta J. Gawn, a native of Lake Breeze, Sheffield township, Lorain county, whose grandparents, John and Ann Esther (Quail) Gawn, were natives of the Isle of Man, and came to Lorain county in a very early day; they died in Amherst township. Their son, Daniel Gawn, who was also born in the Isle of Man, learned the trade of carpenter, and when a boy of sixteen came to Lorain county, Ohio. He was married, at Black River, to Susanna Spooner, a native of Maine, and to their union were born nine children: Annetta J. (Mrs. Whiton), Thomas E. (living in Amherst



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township), Mary E. (wife of Charles Griffin, of Amherst township), John L. (a resident of Lorain), Charles L. (living in North Amherst), James (in North Amherst), Susanna C. (wife of Adam Schubert, of Lorain county), Joseph L. (in Amherst) and Daniel C. After his marriage Mr. Gawn operated Lake Breeze farm, and in 1867 moved to Amherst township, where he died January 22, 1876; his widow is now residing in Lorain.

To Mr. and Mrs. Whiton have been born five children: Joseph Edward, Curtis Warren, Edith Lovina, Agnes L. and Arthur Lucas. In politics Mr. Whiton is a Democrat, and has served repeatedly as trustee, assessor, and member of the school board. He conducts a general farming business, giving his principal attention, however, to stock farming, raising Shorthorn cattle.

EDWARD WEST, familiarly known as "Deacon West," is a capitalist and farmer of no small prominence in Lorain county, and a citizen of unquestionable loyalty and probity, holding many offices in the township where he resided.

He was born October 3, 1818, in Greenwich, Mass., a son of Roger West, who was born in October, 1787, in the same place, and died August 21, 1837. Roger West married, in 1813, Miss Cynthia Sears, born April 12, 1792, and died July 12, 1840. Roger received a fair education in his native town, and became a good bookkeeper and business man. By occupation he was a miller, owning saw, carding and grist mills. In 1831 he came west with his family to Ohio, the first winter tarrying in Brooklyn, Cuyahoga county, near Cleveland; thence in March, 1832, moving to Strongsville, same county, where they resided two years, and then came to Ridgeville, Lorain Co., Ohio, where for nearly four years the father followed farming. Here he died, and the family in March (1838) following proceeded to Huntington township, where they made a permanent settlement, the mother dying there July 12, 1840. Mr. and Mrs. Roger West were upright, honorable people, held in respectful remembrance for their many virtues. They were the parents of seven children, a record of whom is as follows: (1) Lyman was born July 3, 1814, and was twenty-four years old when the family settled at Huntington; here he was shortly afterward converted, and joined the Baptist Church at Huntington, of which he was an active member and deacon until 1867, when he removed with his family to Michigan, locating on a farm in DeWitt township, Clinton county. He united by letter with the Baptist Church at that place, where he was made deacon in September, 1867, serving until 1877, when he removed to Lansing, same State, and united soon after with the Baptist Church there. He finally returned to his old home in DeWitt township, Clinton county, as his health was poor and he wished to be near his son, and there he died, August 1, 1886. (2) Hannah was born September 3, 1816, and in February, 1834, was united in marriage to Marvin E. Stone, who was killed by a runaway horse October 14, 1879, when he was seventy-five years of age. He had lived in Strongsville for almost sixty years. They had nine children. Mrs. Stone died November 18, 1893. (3) Edward, of whom special mention is made further on, is the subject of this sketch. (4) Turner was born March 5, 1821, and spent most of his life in Lorain county, but in his later years he went to Kansas to encourage and help his sons. He had a fall in a cornfield, which proved fatal, and he died September 26, 1875. (5) Alpheus was born June 18, 1823, and died August 1, 1828, when five years old. (6) Henry B. was born July 3, 1832, at Strongsville, Cuyahoga county, and spent three years in study at Oberlin College, Ohio; he was soon after chosen

recorder of Lorain county, in which position he served for nine years, holding the office three years longer than any other man up to that time. Shortly after the expiration of his third term he went to Put-in-Bay, and engaged in the hotel business, being the pioneer in that line there; and here he continued in this for fifteen years, when the "Put-in-Bay House" was destroyed by fire. Some time prior to this event Mr. West had become interested in the "West House," at Sandusky, and after the fire he removed thither, remaining there three or four years, when he removed to Shelby, Ohio, conducting the "Junction House" at that place two or three years. He next went to Cleveland, where, as stated by the Cleveland press, he became one of the oldest and most successful hotelkeepers in the city, and died there July 12, 1888. (7) Harriet R. was born July 3, 1834, in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, and in 1859 was married to Fazelo Hubbard, with whom she removed to Illinois in 1860. She embraced religion when very young, and was always a meek and Christian-like woman, and an ardent worker in the church, ever ready to do her Master's will. She died at Pana, Illinois, November 11, 1870.

Edward West, whose name opens this sketch, received a fair education at the public schools of his native place, and two and a half years at Oberlin College, Ohio, and assisted his father in his woolen mill, chiefly in the carding room. He was also employed on a farm till 1850, when he commenced dealing in sheep and wool, a business he followed for about thirty years in connection with his farm, which was located in Huntington township about three-quarters of a mile south of the center. In 1881 he came to Wellington, with the business progress of which town he has since become intimately identified. Soon after the organization of the bank there he become one of its heaviest stockholders and a director, and has been connected with same ever since. On September 24, 1840, he was united in marriage with Miss Emeline C. Chapman, born August 26, 1821, in Montgomery, Hampden Co., Mass., a daughter of Abner and Olive (Fisher) Chapman, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively, and a record of whose children is as follows: (1) Luther, born November 20, 1798, came to Ohio on foot, settling in Geauga county, where he was married February 19, 1830, to Anna Granger; he died March 30, 1886, near Troy, Ohio, and was a member of the M. E. Church. (2) Calvin, born March 24, 1800, was married November 5, 1823, to Eliza Van-Horn, whose father was a cabinet maker in Boston, Mass. Calvin Chapman died June 1, 1827. (3) Achsah, born February 10, 1802, died January 10, 1804. (4) Olive, born April 22, 1804, died January 10, 1870, in Wisconsin; she was married on February 4, 1822, to Julius Hatch. (5) Achsah, born Eebruary 1, 1806, died December 28, 1823. (6) Laura, born February 29, 1808, was married December 19, 1823, to Sumner Otis; she died January 9, 1832. They had a son who was a major-general in the regular army, and a graduate of West Point, and lived with his grandfather, Abner Chapman. (7) Abner, Jr., who was born March 8, 1810, and was married March 25, 1835, to Eliza A. Cone, who died February 5, 1884. He resides in Wellington. (8) William, born April 30, 1812, was married November 19, 1835, to Rowena Babcock, who died May 3, 1885, in Huntington, a member of the Baptist Church; he died December 26, 1880. (9) Eunice, born July 3, 1814, was married December 7, 1840, to Lyman West; she died March 18, 1887. (10) Hulda A., born June 19, 1817, was married October 5, 1841, to Josiah C. Lang, who was a soldier in the Civil war, and died November 17, 1861; she died September 20, 1872. (11) John Austin, born April 7, 1819, was married November 6, 1844, to Isabel Lindsey; he died May 22, 1891. (12) Emeline C. is

the wife of Edward West. Mrs. Emeline C. West was twelve years of age when she came to Lorain county, and she attended school in Huntington township, after which she taught some years. At about the age of nineteen she united with the Baptist Church, but two years after her marriage she became identified with the Congregationalists. Politically our subject has been a stanch Republican since the organization of the party, and he was always a pronounced Abolitionist. In February, 1840, he united with the Congregational Church, in which he was deacon for many years. All his life he has been an active and zealous church worker, and has been liberal of his means in the cause of education, in charities and in public improvements, giving at one time a thousand dollars to Oberlin College and smaller amounts since that time, and about a year ago he gave five hundred dollars to the village library of Wellington.

GEORGE H. ELY, one of the leading spirits of enterprise in Elyria, and one of her most prominent citizens, is a native of that beautiful town, born November 15, 1844, a son of Heman and Mary H. (Monteith) Ely.

After attending the common schools of the place, the subject of this brief notice entered Yale College, from which he graduated in the class of 1865. On his return from college he became a member of the firm of Topliff & Ely, in Elyria, giving his entire attention to the development and management of that concern until 1888, when he sold out his interest. At present he is connected with several prominent businesses in Elyria, most of which owe their origin to his enterprise and forethought. In the fall of 1893 he was elected senator to represent the 27th and 29th Districts in the 71st General Assembly of Ohio. For many years he has shown great interest in the Lorain County Agricultural Society, and is at present the president. Moreover, rather as a diversion from the cares of business than otherwise, he has for some considerable time been interested in the live-stock industry, and he is now the owner of one of the best stock farms in Ohio, and of the far-famed "Elyria."

On December 11, 1867, George H. Ely and Miss Annie Moody, daughter of Loman A. and Louisa (Patrick) Moody, of Chicopee, Mass., were married in that town. In his political preferences Mr. Ely is a Republican.

CHARLES COOLEY, superintendent of the County Infirmary, was born in Brownhelm township, Lorain Co., Ohio, in 1835, a son of Moses B. and Jane M. (Peck) Cooley, lifelong farmers, the latter of whom died at the age of seventy years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Moses B. Cooley was a native of Massachusetts, born in Stockbridge in 1800, and in 1818 came west to Ohio, settling as a pioneer in Brownhelm township, Lorain county. He died in 1889, a Republican in politics, originally an Old-line Whig. The pioneer of the name in Lorain county was Hanson Cooley, who, in 1818, settled with his family in what is now Brownhelm township. He was a millwright by trade, and built the old Ely mill, the first one in the county.

Charles Cooley received a liberal education in the schools of his native township, and at Oberlin College. He married Miss Anna Bacon, who died in 1865, leaving two sons—George, now in St Louis, Mo., and Charles. For his second wife he married, in 1870, Miss Addie Appleby, by which union there is one child. Mrs. Cooley is a lady of refinement, possessed of superior personal attainments and business qualifications, and by her popularity has surrounded herself with hosts of friends. After his first marriage Mr.

Cooley remained on his father's farm in Brownhelm township for five years. In 1888 he was appointed to his present position, since when he has been a resident of Elyria. In the conducting of the affairs of the County Infirmary he is assisted by his excellent wife, and they have given eminent satisfaction in every particular. In politics Mr. Cooley is a Republican; socially he is a member of the F. & A. M. and K. of P.

HENRY WURST. Among the preëminently self-made men of Lorain county, and prominent in the business circles of Elyria, is to be found this gentleman, who is deserving of more than a passing notice in the pages of this volume.

He is a native of Hessen-Cassel, Germany, born November 7, 1849. When he was about one year old, his parents emigrated to America with their family, making their way westward to Ohio, where they made a settlement in the fair town of Elyria. When our subject was six years old he lost his father by death, and after a few years' attendance at the common schools, at the early age of eleven, he commenced business life as a clerk in the grocery store of C. A. Parks, in Elyria. About 1866 Mr. Parks went out of business, and young Wurst commenced work for Mrs. C. A. Ely; from there went to Mr. D. M. Fisher's, and from there to Baldwin, Laundon & Nelson, with whom he stayed until they sold the grocery and crockery and hardware business to Harman & Obitts. With this firm he remained till October 2, 1875, in which year he and H. H. Andress jointly purchased the grocery and crockery business. After a short time, however, Mr. Andress retired, Mr. Wurst purchasing the entire concern. He remodeled the store and greatly extended the trade, which soon became one of considerable magnitude, bringing in profitable returns. In 1880 he purchased the property whereon now stands the Wurst block, but in 1885 his buildings were destroyed by fire. He immediately rebuilt, however, the result being one of the best business blocks in Elyria, and known as the "Wurst block," just mentioned. It is of brick, three stories in height, the main building being 44 x 75 feet, and the rear one 18 x 70. Mr. Wurst continued the grocery business till June 15, 1892, when he found himself so deeply engaged in other interests in the city that, in order to give his undivided attention to affairs of, to him, more importance, he sold out his grocery. He and his former partner, Mr. Andress, had purchased the "Beebe House," the leading hotel in Elyria, which at considerable outlay they repaired and refitted, and it now stands second to none in the State as a first-class hotel. Mr. Wurst is a stockholder in the Elyria Savings Bank; the Electric Light Plant Company of Lorain; the Savings and Loan Association of Elyria, and of the National Building and Loan Association of Cleveland.

On November 27, 1873, Mr. Wurst was united in marriage with Miss Ella Robinson, of Ridgeville, Lorain Co., Ohio, she being of English birth, and two children have been born to them—Earl H. and Charles J., both now attending college at Oberlin. Politically Mr. Wurst is a Republican, and he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

FENELON B. RICE, the well-known director of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, is a native of Ohio, born at Greensburg, Trumbull county, in 1841. He is the first son of Rev. David L. and Emily (Johnson) Rice, the former of whom was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, May 1, 1820, the latter in Canaan, Litchfield Co., Connecticut.

The father of our subject received his literary education in Trumbull county, Ohio, and studied for the ministry in Geauga Seminary. The field of his cleri-

cal labors lay in Trumbull and Ashtabula counties, Ohio, excepting twenty years in which he was traveling from place to place in the country, from New York to Iowa, soliciting subscriptions or donations toward the founding of Hillsdale (Mich.) College, visiting all the Freewill Baptists on his route, he being a preacher in the church of that denomination. He died in Trumbull county in 1886. His father, David Rice, came from his native place, North Brookfield, Mass., to Trumbull county, Ohio, then a wilderness, where he lived seven years ere a death occurred in their township. He married a native of Brookfield, Vt., and they were members of the Congregational Church. Two brothers, one sister and quite a colony of relatives settled there. Enoch Rice, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a farmer and mechanic, and built grist and saw mills.

Fenelon B. Rice received his early education at Orwell Academy in Ashtabula county, Ohio (Prof. Tuckerman being then in charge, now president of New Lyme Institute), and at Hillsdale College. In 1859 he went to Boston for the purpose of studying music, and in 1863 he graduated from the Boston School of Music. In that year he took charge of the musical department of Hillsdale (Mich.) College, where he continued until 1867, at which time he went abroad with his wife, who was herself musical and became an accomplished vocalist, for the extension of their musical culture. His time was spent at Leipsic, chiefly under the instruction of Dr. Papperitz, Ignaz Moscheles and Louis Plaidy in piano, and Prof. Richter in theory. He there found the standard of criticism higher than any he had hitherto met, and set about mastering the Leipsic point of view, with results that were determining for his own taste. His teachers, also, were men of high moral conceptions, and their influence fostered Prof. Rice's natural sentiment in favor of high morals in company with high art.

On his return from Germany, in 1869, he began his professional work at Oberlin. He became associated with Prof. G. W. Steele, and entered into a joint arrangement to manage the Conservatory of Music in that place for two years, at the end of which time Prof. Steele withdrew, leaving Prof. Rice in sole charge. His connections at Oberlin proved congenial, both to himself and the College. With the characteristic moral and religious sentiment of the place he could heartily sympathize; and if the average musical feeling was not up to his standard, at any rate there were few places where it was better, or where the public mind was more tractable. He set about his work with the Leipsic Conservatory for his model of organization, and with an unbending devotion to the lofty art ideals which had won his heart.

Prof. Rice has been director of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music since 1871. In 1880 the degree of Mus. Doc. was given him by Hillsdale College; in 1884 the honorary degree of A. M., by Oberlin College, and he has been twice elected president of the Music Teachers National Association. The Conservatory has experienced a remarkable growth since his connection with it. When he first entered its doors in a professional capacity he found the institution occupying two small leased rooms, and employing three teachers. To-day, mainly through his individual energy and enterprise, Oberlin Conservatory of Music stands among the very foremost institutions of the country, as a place for the study of music. The school occupies a fine sandstone edifice, the munificent gift of Dr. and Mrs. Lucien C. Warner, of New York City. It was erected at an expense of more than one hundred thousand dollars, and is one of the finest and largest structures ever built exclusively for the use of a school of music. It is a four-story building, with a frontage of 150 feet on North Professor street, and a depth of 120 feet, and contains a fine concert hall, lecture room, orchestra room, library,

offices, and more than eighty instruction and practice rooms. It is heated throughout, by steam, lighted by gas and electricity and supplied with a fine passenger elevator, and many other modern conveniences. The three teachers of a few years ago have multiplied into twenty-three professors of unquestioned ability, who give instructions to more than six hundred students every year, all under the immediate direction of Professor Rice.

In 1863 our subject was married in Detroit, Mich., to Miss Helen M. Libby, who was born in Portland, Me., and they have one child, Louis M. They are members of the Second Congregational Church at Oberlin, of which he is a trustee. For the last twenty-three years he has been a member of the Faculty of Oberlin College, and for the past eight years has been on the executive board, which has largely to do with the finances of the College. Politically he is a Republican. He has been a director of the Oberlin Bank since its organization, and for the past two years vice-president of same.

HORACE WADSWORTH, better known in his locality as Deacon Wadsworth, senior member of the firm of H. Wadsworth & Son, lumber dealers, of Wellington, is a native of Massachusetts, born in Tyringham, Berkshire county, May 26, 1822.

Enos Wadsworth, grandfather of subject, was born in Massachusetts, and died in Portage county, in the woods. He had gone hunting one day, and not returning, his friends and neighbors instituted a fruitless search. Three weeks afterward a neighbor dreamed that he saw the body lying in a certain swamp; search was made at the place indicated, and the body was there found.

Asa Wadsworth, son of Enos and father of Horace, was born in Tyringham, Mass., in 1794. He there married Electa Russell. In 1819 he brought his family to Ohio. This was the third family to enter Freedom, Portage county, at that time a perfect wilderness. Wild animals roamed undisturbed in the forests, and the sound of howling wolves was often heard. Their first home was built of round green logs, split logs forming the floor. There was no chimney till the kitchen fire, built at the end of the house, burned an opening large enough to start a stone chimney. Four children were born to this pioneer, in their forest home: Calista A., Elizabeth S., Emaret and Cyril. Edwin, the eldest, was born in Massachusetts. Emaret died when three years of age; the others all live in Wellington.

At this home the subject of our sketch spent his childhood days. The sound of the axe and the crash of falling trees were music to his ears. When but four years old, emulating the success of his elders, he wished to down one of the monarchs of the forest. In the absence of his father he started for a large tree near the house, thinking to astonish his mother by cutting it to the ground. On the way he slipped on the ice. In falling he cut his hand badly, severing one finger, thus crippling him for life. When he was eight years of age he attended the first school formed in the township. The family lived in this home twelve years. In 1835 they moved to Wellington, Lorain county. Wellington was then comparatively new, and the people lived, with few exceptions, in log houses. There were at the center two stores, two hotels and a blacksmith shop; a third building served the triple purpose of church, town-house and school-house. The first M. E. Church was erected and enclosed the year of their arrival. The family made a settlement on land three-fourths of a mile west of the center; their home was a log house, formerly used as a Methodist meeting-house. The father and his three sons, two of them thirteen and fifteen, respectively, formed the force necessary to clear the land and furnish the

means of subsistence. The elder son by reason of ill health was for a number of years unable to do heavy work. The youngest, but a child, was at this time unable to assist, and the burden of the work, therefore, fell upon the father and the second son Horace. To clear the land and fit it for cultivation formed the task of those early days. At that time ready money was seldom seen. Wood at fifty cents a cord, cut from the farm, was exchanged at the store for clothing and provisions. This called for work with the axe early and late to provide for the family of seven.

During the winter months Horace attended school, rising and doing the chores of the farm before daylight and swinging the axe till nine o'clock, then to study. On his return after school the same task was continued. This routine of work and study was persisted in for a number of years till the forest was replaced by cultivated fields of wheat and corn, and he gained an education fitting him for his future work. The youngest son, Cyril, with increasing years became old enough to assist in the work, and in 1844 a new frame house was erected and finished sufficiently for the family to enter. The outlook for the family appeared bright, but the following year, the father, after a brief illness, died. This left the management of the farm upon Horace, then twenty-one years of age. The next year the frosts killed the wheat and corn. With nothing to feed the stock it was sold at a very low price. With a debt of several hundred dollars upon them, they were still further burdened by the sickness of the mother, who became and remained a helpless invalid, cared for by the two daughters till her death in 1865. Hard work, however, cleared the farm, and good crops paid the debts and finished the house hitherto incomplete.

At twenty-five years of age Horace, qualified by hard study, began teaching in the common schools. He taught with good success for ten winters, two of which were in the same schoolhouse which he had attended as a scholar. In connection with this work he became a contractor and builder, and for a number of years was the leader in this line. In 1879 he started in the lumber business, buying a small establishment which he enlarged, adding thereto a planing mill and factory which was afterward sold. In 1853 he married Sarah H. Phelps, a native of Connecticut, and daughter of Daniel Phelps. A member and worker in the Congregational Church and Sabbath-school, she was worthy of the love and respect of all who knew her. Mortimer H., their only child, was born June 27, 1857, and was educated and graduated at the high school at Wellington. He is now associated with his father in the lumber business.

The subject of this sketch was originally an Old-line Whig, and his first vote was cast for Henry Clay. When sixteen years of age he united with the Congregational Church. At forty-one he was chosen deacon. He has been an active worker in the Sunday-school as superintendent and teacher, and is a ready and active helper in all church work. Now, at seventy-two years of age, he is in good health, and is always interested in church work as well as public improvement.

MA. POUNDS. In Lorain county, Ohio, was born September 17, 1848, the subject of this brief sketch, who is ex-sheriff of Lorain county, and at the present time a well-known horse dealer and trainer, than whom there is no one in the county more deserving of the popularity he enjoys.

He is a son of L. M. and Fidelia (Humphrey) Pounds, the former of whom, now living retired in Elyria, was educated at Delaware, Ohio, and became a prominent divine in the M. E. Church. The mother was born in Lorain county, Ohio, a daughter of Orson J. and Lucina Hum-

phrey. Their children, five in number, are as follows: M. A., subject of sketch; L. H., in real-estate business in Topeka, Kans.; T. M., engaged in banking in Topeka, Kans.; Amelia, wife of George Bowman, residing in Elyria; and Jessie, wife of William Jones, of Brooklyn, New York.

Our subject received his education at the Elyria high schools and Berea College, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, but early in life evinced a great liking for horses, so that he naturally drifted into the buying and selling of such stock. He resided in Eaton township, Lorain county, until 1886, when he was elected sheriff, at which time he moved to Elyria, here to make his future home. As sheriff he served the county two terms, or four years, acceptably, and since retiring from the incumbency he has devoted his time and attention to breeding and rearing fine road horses, besides training all kinds of horses for himself and others. His stables are located in Elyria.

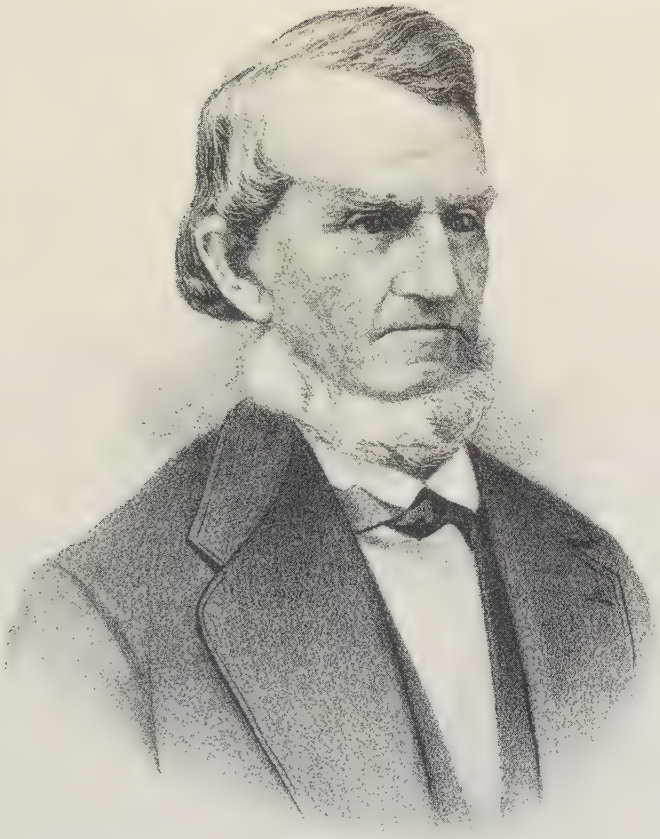
On November 24, 1870, Mr. Pounds was married to Miss Mary E. Johnson, and three children have been born to them, viz.: Mabel, Harry and Ruth. Our subject is a member of the F. & A. M., Anchor Lodge No. 56, Elyria.

HIRAM WOODWORTH (deceased). Among the leading representative families of Lorain county, none are more worthy of special mention in this volume than the one of which the gentleman, whose name opens this sketch, was an honored member.

Hiram Woodworth was a native of Madison county, N. Y., born in the town of Fenner February 14, 1802, a son of Benjamin and Sophia (Allen) Woodworth, both also natives of the Empire State. Reared on the home farm, and trained to the arduous duties incident all the year round to the pursuits of agriculture, our subject remained under the paternal roof until about a year beyond his "coming of age." At that time he commenced working away from home, by the month, continuing chiefly in that line of his choice for some six years, diligently pursuing his vocation and carefully husbanding his earnings. By this time he was able out of his savings to purchase one hundred acres of land in the town of Randolph, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., which two years afterward he traded for a hotel building in the town of Bristol, Ontario county, same State.

In the meantime, in September, 1828, Mr. Woodworth was married to Caroline L. Wales, a daughter of Rev. Alvin and Polly Wales, and a native of the same town as her husband. In January, 1829, the young couple moved into the hotel just spoken of, which they conducted two and one half years, and at the end of that time our subject traded the hotel for 335 acres of land in what is now Rochester township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and eighty acres in what was then the Territory of Michigan. On May 22, 1832—sixty-two years ago—Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth arrived in their new forest home in Rochester township, the journey being made via the Erie Canal to Buffalo, thence Lake Erie to Cleveland, and from there by wagon to destination.

From the time of their arrival till the middle of September following, this pioneer couple lived in the most primitive of primitive homes, the rude hut being furnished with neither door, window, hearth, chimney, nor even a chair of any sort, much less any other kind of furniture. Nothing daunted, however, they cheerfully set to work to render their home comfortable, Mr. Woodworth making, with such tools as he was posessed of, some stools, table, etc.; and soon the surroundings began to take the garb of civilization —the monarchs of the forest disappeared neath the sturdy axe of the woodman, and the stately trees were superseded by smiling fields of golden grain, and pasture land redolent with clover. The improvements



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were not only attractive in appearance, but also of the most substantial kind, and durable, Mr. Woodworth's maxim, in all his undertakings, being: "That which is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

Having now succeeded in getting the new home in good order, and in comfortable condition, Mr. Woodworth embarked extensively in the live-stock business, which in time grew to such proportions with him that there was no room left for any competitor in that line in northern Ohio. Most of his stock was driven to Brighton, Mass., where the animals were sold, the round trip occupying in the neighborhood of forty days. In his live-stock ventures Mr. Woodworth was remarkably successful, nor could they be otherwise when under his immediate control, and his extensive trade gave employment to a small army of help, scattered, in their various lines of duty, all over northern Ohio.

After a residence of thirty years in Rochester township, the old homestead was sold, and Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth came into Wellington township, he having purchased a fertile farm, said to be the "premium farm" of Lorain county, which is now part of the town site of Wellington. From here after a three years' residence they moved into a hotel in the town of Wellington—now known as the "American House"—which Mr. Woodworth had bought, and was conducted by him up to his death; the property is still owned by Mrs. Woodworth. He passed from earth October 10, 1873. In his political predilections he was a Republican, and while in Rochester he served as postmaster some six years.

Mrs. Woodworth, though past the eightieth mile post on the highway of life, is still vigorous, both mentally and physically. She is residing in her pleasant home on Maygar street in the town of Wellington, and she worships at the Congregational Church. The record of her children, in brief, is as follows: Roxania (deceased) was the wife of John Braman, now a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Rosenia is the widow of David L. Wadsworth, and resides in Wellington, Ohio; Warren A. is in West Virginia; Roenia is the wife of F. M. Sheldon, of Hornellsville, N. Y.; Rosetta is the wife of Stanley Wilcox, of Plattsburg, Missouri.

W. E. BROOKS, vice-president and manager of the Topliff & Ely Company, manufacturers of special carriage hardware, Elyria, is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, born in Avon, August 13, 1846. His parents were James E. and Eliza (Sweet) Brooks, both natives of Vermont, and early settlers of Lorain county. The father died June 5, 1874; the mother January 5, 1894.

Our subject received a liberal education in the common schools of his native place, and from early youth was brought up in the general hardware business, in which he was engaged. In 1870, he removed to Elyria, and became interested in the agricultural implement business until 1888, in which year he sold out and became associated with the Topliff & Ely Company, which was founded in 1866 by G. H. Ely and J. A. Topliff, and incorporated in 1888. They began by making hubs and spokes, but in 1874, abandoning that line, they embarked in the manufacture of tubular bow sockets, for carriage bows, which industry has grown to enormous proportions, they being the only manufacturers of this patent in the world for many years. They ship not only to all parts of the United States, but also to Europe, South America and Australia. In the manufacture of bow sockets alone, there are employed in the building about one hundred hands who turn out from 125,000 to 150,000 sets per annum.

On August 8, 1877, Mr. Brooks was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Top-

liff, daughter of John A. and Caroline (Beers) Topliff, the former a native of Massachusetts, the latter of Connecticut, and both now living in Elyria. To this union were born three children, as follows: Harold T. (who died January 27, 1893), Margaretta E. and John P. The mother of these died December 4, 1893. Mr. Brooks is a member of the F. & A. M., K. of P. and Royal Arcanum.

DANIEL T. BUSH, a wealthy retired farmer and a citizen of Wellington, was born in Plymouth, N. Y., August 28, 1814. He is the son of Benjamin T. Bush and Elizabeth (Burst) Bush, and a grandson of Henry T. Bush.

The father of subject was born in Albany county, N. Y., in which State he married Elizabeth Burst, a native of Dutchess county, N. Y. In 1834 the family came to Ohio, the journey being made by wagon from Canandaigua, N. Y., to Rochester; by canal to Buffalo; Lake Erie to Cleveland, Ohio; and from there by wagon to Huntington township, Lorain county, where they settled on a farm of fifty acres covered with dense woods. The mother died in Rochester, Ohio, August 29, 1844, aged seventy years, seven months, and two days. The father died near Lansing, Mich., August 28, 1855, aged seventy-nine years and eight months. They were both members of the M. E. Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. Children were born to this pioneer couple as follows: John T.; Joseph T.; Martin T.; Nancy T.; Eliza T.; Daniel T. (subject of this sketch); and Amy T.; all were born in the State of New York, and all but Martin T. died in Michigan. Martin T. went south about the year 1825 or 1826, and has not been heard from since. The grandfather of subject served in the war of the Revolution, was taken prisoner by the British and conveyed to Canada, where he died of smallpox; his two eldest sons served during the Revolutionary war against foreign invasion, the younger entering the service of the Colonies at the age of fourteen years, and serving during the entire war. The rest of the family encountered great hardships being driven from their home in Cherry Valley, and becoming eyewitnesses to the destruction of all their property.

D. T. Bush received his education in the little red schoolhouse on Baptist Hill in Bristol, Ontario Co., N. Y. On February 25, 1838, he married Sophia Clark, and settled on a farm in the woods one mile south of his father's farm, where he had to literally hew out what is now one of the finest farms in Huntington township, which in 1871 contained 205½ acres, having thereon a large and comfortable dwelling and commodious outbuildings. This farm was purchased in different parcels, covered by seven deeds, and here the following nine children were born to them: Almond D. (died in infancy), Melissa J., George C., Martin L., Mary A., Edwin D., Charles A., John O., and Henry W. (died September 12, 1879, aged twenty-three years). Selling the farm in 1871, Mr. Bush moved to Wellington, Ohio, where he now resides in his eightieth year, enjoying the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, and a loving and grateful posterity.

G F. LEE, the widely-known and popular photographer, of Elyria, was born in the town of Vernon, Conn., August 26, 1843, a son of George and Ida Harris (Skillman) Lee.

Georgo Lee was also a native of Connecticut, born in the town of Vernon, in 1806. He was reared to the woolen manufacturing business, working from his earliest boyhood in what is known as the Frank Woolen Mills. His business ability was marked by the fact that in subsequent

years he succeeded to the management of these mills, and became the principal stockholder and proprietor of same. In about the year 1853 a disastrous fire destroyed the plant, and, financially, Mr. Lee was almost ruined. Concluding, in the hope of recuperating his fortunes, to come west, he set out with sanguine expectations, first locating at Utica, N. Y., where he was superintendent of the Globe Woolen Mills for about two years. He then made a trip still farther west, visiting different points in Illinois and elsewhere, but not finding satisfactory inducements to remain, returned eastward to Ohio, and made a settlement in Norwalk, remaining there until 1863. Removing in that year to Cleveland, he there engaged in the oil-refining business, and Fortune once more smiled on his enterprise and indefatigable industry. But again he was doomed to become a victim of the devouring element, the ravages of fire once more confronting him on his onward march to wealth, his oil mills being burned to the ground in 1870, whereby all he had a second time acquired was almost utterly destroyed. This second disaster was sufficient to crush the ambition of most men, and Mr. Lee, finding himself too far advanced in years to commence life anew the third time, gathered together what he could from the ruins of his estate, and retired to Berlin Heights, in Erie county, where he passed the rest of his days in peaceful retirement, dying in 1874 at the age of sixty-eight years. Mr. Lee was a lifelong practical Christian, and a deacon in the Congregational Church. In his political sympathies he, in earlier years, was an Old-line Henry Clay Whig, and in later life affiliated with the Republican party.

Ida H. Lee, the mother of our subject, was born at Riverhead, Long Island, N. Y., in July, 1812; in 1830 was married to George Lee; on September 7, 1893, died in Elyria, Ohio, at the residence of her son, C. F. Lee, where for some years she had made her home. She was a descendant of one Fanning, a native of Ireland, who had settled in Long Island in an early day. To George and Ida H. (Skillman) Lee were born six children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the sole survivor.

C. F. Lee received his education chiefly at the old seminary at Norwalk, Ohio. In 1864 he joined the Federal army, enlisting in Company B, One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Regiment, O. V. I., at Norwalk, Ohio. This regiment belonged to what was known as the "one hundred days service," and was sent to the defense of Washington, D. C. At the close of his term of enlistment Mr. Lee returned home and took up his residence in Cleveland, Ohio, where he learned the art of photography with J. F. Ryder, and was in his employ most of the time until 1876. In that year he established himself in his present business in Elyria, where he has since successfully conducted the leading photographic establishment of the city.

In 1868 Mr. Lee was married to Miss Ella Louise Morehouse, and three children have been born to them, viz.: George E., Ida V. and Nellie M. Politically, our subject is a Republican; socially, he is past master of King Solomon's Lodge, F. & A. M., Elyria, Ohio, and a member of Marshall Chapter No. 47, R. A. M.

REV. JOHN KEEP was born in Long Meadow, Mass., in 1781, graduated at Yale in 1802, was pastor in Blandford, Mass., and in Homer, N. Y., from 1805 till 1833, when he came to Cleveland and became pastor of a new church on the West Side.

While he was at Homer he had been a trustee of Hamilton College and of Auburn Theological Seminary, and was naturally interested in any educational enterprise in the neighborhood. In 1834 he was elected a trustee at Oberlin, and held the position until his death in 1870. By

reason of his years and experience he was made president of the Board, and had the responsibility of the casting vote on the question of receiving colored students, in 1835. From that day he took Oberlin on his heart, and never laid it off unless when he laid off the earthly life. His last words pertained to a letter he had planned to write in the interest of the college. He traversed the land to gather means to sustain it, and crossed the ocean to save it in a crisis. In 1850, then seventy years of age, he removed to Oberlin, and from that time his home was here. At every meeting of the trustees he was present, and encouraged all by his hope and his faith. When others were depressed he sustained and bore them on by his cheerful courage, and thus he held on to the end of his days. When more than fourscore years old he would often come out at evening, with his lantern, to find some one burdened with responsibility and care, and cheer him up with a word of encouragement. His sleep was sweeter after such a service. He died in his eighty-ninth year, not from disease, but because life was completed. [Taken from "Oberlin: The Colony and The College," by the kind permission of the author, Prof. James H. Fairchild.

REV. HENRY COWLES was called to the professorship of languages at Oberlin, upon the resignation of Mr. Waldo, and came in September, 1835. He was born in Norfolk, Conn., in 1803, and was thirty-two years of age when he came.

He had graduated at Yale, and taken his theological course there. He completed the course in 1828, was ordained at Hartford the same year, and came at once to northern Ohio under appointment from the Connecticut Home Missionary Society. He preached in Ashtabula and Sandusky, and after two years, having received a call from the church in Austinburg, he returned to his home in Connecticut, was married, and commenced his work in Austinburg. From a most successful pastorate of five years he came to Oberlin, and found himself in full sympathy with all the leading objects and aims of the work; and from the first day until the day of his death—a period of forty-six years—he gave himself, without reserve, to these objects. There seemed to be no thought of himself or his personal interests; no anxiety in reference to position. His heart was in the work, and all he asked was a place to lay out his strength. In 1838 he took the chair of Church History in the seminary, and of Hebrew and Old Testament Literature in 1840. In 1848, in consequence of straitened means on the part of the college, and the necessity of reducing expenses, he resigned his work in the seminary, and took the editorship of the Oberlin *Evangelist*, a work which he had shared with others for some years preceding. From this time until the close of 1862 he gave his thought and heart to the *Evangelist*, and made it greatly what it was, a treasury of religious thought and experience, and of practical life. The twenty-four volumes of the Oberlin *Evangelist*, with which Professor Cowles had more to do than any other man, give a better exhibition of Oberlin thought and character and work during those years than any definite attempt to set them forth can possibly do.

When the *Evangelist* was closed up Professor Cowles was about sixty years of age, and he might naturally feel that the chief work of his life was done; and it would have been a satisfactory work. But the habit of communicating his thoughts to others by writing was strong upon him, and by what seemed a divine leading he entered upon the work of writing commentaries upon the Scriptures. He commenced with the parts of the Old Testament to which he had given more particular attention as an instructor, and went on, year after year, adding volume

to volume, devoting to it all his energies and all his resources, through a period of seventeen years. In 1881 he issued the last volume, and then felt that the Lord permitted him to depart in peace. His work was done; the result remains with us—a commentary on the entire Scriptures, full of practical wisdom and the ripe fruits of scholarship. He died in September of the same year. The interests of the college through all these years filled his heart and hands. He was a member of the "Prudential Committee" and a trustee, in constant attendance upon these duties, and often went out upon financial missions in behalf of the college. His last public duty was to attend the meeting of the trustees in 1881. [Taken from "Oberlin: The Colony and The College," by the kind permission of the author, Prof. James H. Fairchild.

REV. ASA MAHAN reached Oberlin in May, 1835, having been elected to the presidency of the college, and entered directly upon his duties. He was then thirty-six years of age, a native of Western New York, educated at Hamilton College and Andover Seminary.

He came from the charge of the Sixth Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati, and his earnest and vigorous preaching made at once a strong impression upon the people of Oberlin. He was a bold and aggressive advocate of all the Oberlin ideas and doctrines, and was always ready, at home or abroad, to give a reason for the faith that was in him with earnestness and full conviction. He was an enthusiastic teacher in his own department, that of philosophy, and gave an impulse to the study at Oberlin which it has never lost. His administration of the college was, in general, successful, and he gave his heart and strength to its prosperity without any reservation. An infelicity which often attends great strength of purpose and of character was sometimes suspected in him, namely, a greater facility in conviction than in conciliation. While he had many ardent friends, there would be another class who were as distinctly not his friends. Some of his colleagues felt at times that his strong aggressiveness awakened unnecessary hostility against the college; and in 1850, some of his friends having planned a new university at Cleveland, and invited him to take the direction of it, he resigned at Oberlin, having held the presidency of the college fifteen years. With President Mahan, Oberlin lost somewhat of its positiveness and aggressiveness.

The enterprise at Cleveland was not a success, and Mr. Mahan was called to a professorship in Adrian College, Mich., and at length to the presidency of the college. The last ten years he has spent in England, in abundant labors in the special work of promoting the "higher" Christian experience, and now [1883], at the age of eighty-three, he is preaching to large congregations, editing a magazine called *Divine Life*, and issuing one volume after another, such as "The Baptism of The Holy Ghost," "Out of Darkness into Light," and "Autobiography, Intellectual, Moral and Spiritual." While at Oberlin he published works on "The Will," "Intellectual Philosophy," and "Moral Philosophy." Other works, since published, are on Logic, Spiritualism, Natural Theology, and a Criticism of the Conduct of the War. [Taken from "Oberlin: The Colony and The College," by the kind permission of the author, Prof. James H. Fairchild.

REV. CHARLES G. FINNEY came in June, 1835, about a month after Mr. Mahan. He was then nearly forty-two years of age, with health somewhat broken by the exhausting evangelistic labors of the preceding ten years.

He found a theological department of thirty-five students, and entered at once upon his work, as professor of systematic theology. His habit was to preach once on the Sabbath, not often twice, and the year following he was called to the pastorship of the church. For many years he gave the long winter vacation to preaching as an evangelist, for the most part with some church at the East. In 1849 he went to England, and spent a year and a half in similar labors in London and other cities of England and Scotland. Ten years later he went again in the same work for about the same length of time. In 1851 he was elected President of the college, and held the position until 1865, with the arrangement that he was not to give attention to the details of the position, but only to the more public duties. His work as an instructor was not changed except that he took the Senior college class for some years in moral philosophy. In 1865 he resigned the presidency, being then seventy-three years of age. He had already, in 1858, surrendered the work in systematic theology, retaining the pastoral theology and his work as a pastor. In 1872 he laid down the pastoral work, but continued his pastoral lectures until the year of his death, 1875, having completed, lacking a few days, his eighty-third year. No brief mention can characterize him or set forth his work; nor is it necessary. He belongs to the world, and not to Oberlin alone. His "Sermons on Important Subjects" and "Revival Lectures" were published before his coming to Oberlin. His "Lectures to Christians" appeared a year or more afterward, and his two volumes on "Systematic Theology" in 1846 and 1847. These were numbered as volumes second and third, his purpose being to prepare a volume on "Natural Theology" to precede them. This volume was never written. While he was in England in 1850, he prepared and published an edition of his Theology in one volume, involving the substance of the two preceding volumes. His latest works were a volume on "Masonry," published in 1869, and his "Memoirs," written by himself, and published after his death. Upon the publication of his Theology very diverse opinions were expressed in regard to it, according to the standpoint.

Rev. Wm. H. Burleigh closed a notice of the work in the *Charter Oak*, Hartford, Conn., 1846, with the following paragraph: "We will venture the prediction that fifty years hence this volume will rank among the standard works on theology, and the name of Finney be mentioned with those of Edwards, Dwight and Emmons. Sooner than that we fear he will not be generally appreciated. The time will come when Finney will have justice done to his exalted talents, and when the host of his revilers —men not possessing, in the aggregate, half his mental grasp—will be lost in oblivion unless he should preserve their names from utter extinction by an incidental allusion in his works."

Dr. Charles Hodge, in the *Biblical Repository*, 1847, wrote as follows: "The work is, therefore, in a high degree logical. It is as hard to read as Euclid. Nothing can be omitted; nothing passed over slightly. The unhappy reader once committed to a perusal, is obliged to go on, sentence by sentence, through the long concatenation. There is not one resting-place, not one lapse into amplification or declamation, from the beginning to the close. It is like one of those spiral staircases, which lead to the top of some high tower, without a landing from the base to the summit; which, if a man has once ascended, he resolves never to do the like again. The author begins with certain postulates, or what he calls first truths of reason, and these he traces out with singular clearness and strength to their legitimate conclusions. We do not see that there is a break or a defective link in the whole chain. If you grant his principles, you have already granted his conclusions. .... We propose to rely on the *reductio ad absurdum*, and make his doctrines the

refutation of his principles.... We consider this a fair refutation. If the principle that obligation is limited by ability, leads to the conclusion that moral character is confined to intention, and that again to the conclusion that when the intention is right nothing can be morally wrong, then the principle is false. Even if we could not detect its fallacy, we should know it could not be true."

Dr. George Redford, of Worcester, England, in the preface to the London edition, which he edited, 1851, writes: "As a contribution to theological science, in an age when vague speculation and philosophical theories are bewildering all denominations of Christians, this work will be considered by all competent judges to be both valuable and seasonable. Upon several important and difficult subjects the author has thrown a clear and valuable light which will guide many a student through perplexities and difficulties which he had long sought unsuccessfully to explain. The editor frankly confesses that when a student he would gladly have bartered half the books in his library to have gained a single perusal of these lectures; and he cannot refrain from expressing the belief that no young student of theology will ever regret the purchase or perusal of Mr. Finney's lectures." [Taken from "Oberlin: The Colony and The College," by the kind permission of the author, Prof. James H. Fairchild.

JACOB BARTH, a representative self-made and progressive agriculturist of Grafton township, is a native of Germany, born November 7, 1826, in Wittenberg. His father, John Jacob Barth, was a peddler and huckster, and also owned a small piece of land, which his wife and family of ten children looked after.

When our subject was ten years of age his parents hired him out as a shepherd boy, he receiving in compensation a few clothes and his board for a summer's work. In the winter season he attended school a short time, but home labor required his attention so much that but little time was left for his education. Up to his fifteenth year he had been working round at various places, and at different kinds of work, getting but small wages. At the age of fifteen he commenced to learn shoemaking, his three-years apprenticeship costing him a premium of some twenty-five dollars, after which he followed his trade as a journeyman for the equivalent of one dollar per week. He also found employment on the public highways then being repaired, receiving therefor twenty cents per day, out of which he had to board himself. After he had passed his twenty-first birthday he joined the regular army, in which he served nearly six years.

While yet in Germany he married Rosina Merika, who bore him one child, Jacob L., in the Fatherland. In 1853, leaving his little family behind, he set sail for America, and after a three-months' voyage landed at New York, whence he continued westward to Liverpool, Medina Co., Ohio, where he found himself, a stranger in a strange land, with a capital of just two cents. However, he soon found employment in Liverpool at his trade at five dollars per month, after which he worked in Litchfield, same county, two years. By his employers, who had confidence in him, he was trusted, and being honest and industrious he never lost their confidence. Having saved some money he sent for his wife and son Jacob (now foreman of the Grafton Stone Sawmill) to come out to him, which they did, arriving in due course at Litchfield, from which place they shortly afterward removed to York, same State, where for nine years he followed his trade. At the end of that time they went to Abbeyville, Medina county, where Mr. Barth bought a farm of sixty-two acres, running in debt to the amount of three hundred dollars, on which he paid six per cent. interest. For three

years they lived here, and then in 1866 came to the place he now owns and lives on, in Grafton township, Lorain county, running in debt two thousand dollars, on which he paid ten per cent. interest. With the assistance of his sons he has cultivated and improved this property, which consists of eighty-four and a half acres (all paid for), equipped with good buildings, in the aggregate presenting the result of indefatigable perseverance, honesty of purpose, energy and economy, and accumulated from the commencement of the two cents he had when he landed in Ohio.

In this country ten children were born to him, as follows: Henry F., of Cleveland, where he is a skilled mechanic in the Steel Works, making steel; Frederick, a molder, in Rochester, N. Y.; John J., Jr., a farmer in Rochester, N. Y.; Mary C., Mrs. Andrew Hartung, of Chicago, Ill.; Martha L., Mrs. J. A. Weaver, of Cleveland, Ohio; Catherine L., Mrs. Fred Keller, of Liverpool, Ohio; William A., of Belden, Ohio, an engineer; George M., of Cleveland, an iron-worker; Joseph H., a farmer, living at home with his father; and Charles A., a carpenter by trade, living at Cleveland. Politically Mr. Barth is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church at Liverpool, Ohio.

FREDRICK B. MANLEY. No greater pleasure can be enjoyed by the aged than to look back on a life usefully spent for the good of others as well as themselves—a happiness that can be enjoyed in an eminent degree by the gentleman whose name here appears.

Mr. Manley is a native of Berkshire county, Mass., born in the town of Otis March 10, 1817. He is the eldest son of Josiah B. and Betsey (Webster) Manley, also of the Bay State, who came to Ohio in 1821, the journey occupying forty days and forty nights. The father located land in Wellington township, Lorain county, and immediately entered upon the labors of "rolling up a log cabin," and opening up a new farm in the "forest primeval," at which and similar work he was actively and successfully engaged until his death, which occurred August 22, 1824. Of the noble army of pioneers he was the first to pass away in Wellington township, and he is remembered as a devoted husband, a kind and indulgent father and a true friend. While his remains were being consigned to their last resting place, marks of respect and esteem were abundantly shown by warm-hearted, sorrowing friends. His widow taught school for three successive seasons in her log house, and two terms in a district schoolhouse. She died at the home of her son, Fredrick B., at the advanced age of eighty-three years.

The subject proper of this sketch was, as will be seen, about four years old when his parents brought him to Lorain county, and he was reared among the many privations of pioneer life. In Wellington township he attended the first school taught there, continuing his attendance thereat, both summer and winter, until he was thirteen years old, after which he availed himself of the winter term only, later enjoying the benefit of excellent select schools. He has followed farming for the most part all his life, and is well-trained in the calling of the agriculturist, occasionally engaging, sometimes quite extensively, in the business of speculation in live stock. The three-hundred-acre farm, which by careful thrift and assiduous labor he has brought to an excellent state of cultivation; the commodious dwelling and ample and comfortable outbuildings—all combine to attest to the characteristic skill and sound judgment of the owner. And a true description of the spot would be incomplete, were a notable and far-famed attraction left unnoticed—the grand old elm—widely known as "Manley's famous elm"—that graces the lawn, spared by the pioneer axe-man

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on account of its majestic appearance, its height from root to topmost limb being at least a hundred feet.

"Woodman spare that tree,
Cut not a single bough;
It used to shelter me,
And I'll protect it now."

On the 10th day of March, 1847, Fredrick B. Manley was united in marriage with Miss Mary L., eldest daughter of Major Judson and Lucinda Wadsworth, of Wellington. By this union there is one son, Henry W., married, and the father of one child—Floyd DeWitt. Mrs. F. B. Manley died March 25, 1883, aged fifty-nine years.

Our subject in his political views is a sound Republican, his first vote having been cast for Gen. W. H. Harrison. He served his township as constable, one term, and assessor eight consecutive years. Socially, he has been president of the Union Agricultural Society by seven successive reëlections, faithfully and acceptably discharging the duties imposed. During the war of the Rebellion, he was enrolling officer, receiving the compliments of the managing board for his carefully prepared and neatly-written enrollment paper, and he was in a marked degree energetic in securing men to put down the Rebellion.

Mr. Manley is one of the oldest pioneer settlers in Wellington township, none now living antedating his arrival. During his long residence of over seventy-two years in the county, he has ever sustained a reputation for integrity and good citizenship, alike creditable to his judgment and character. As one of the men who in an early day took part in subduing the wilderness, transplanting in its place the fine farms and beautiful homes that the present generation enjoy in comparative ease, Mr. Manley is well worthy of being memorized in the biographical record of Lorain county.

Now at the honored age of seventy-seven years, well preserved, of a commanding presence, possessed of a vigorous mind, good practical business sagacity, and a reliable memory as to early events, he is deeply grateful that Time has dealt gently with him. Ofttimes he ruminates upon the changes that have taken place, in his midst, since the days of the stick chimney and puncheon floor, and the twang of the thread as the good mother faithfully plied her needle, by the dim light of a tallow candle, to "keep the wolf from the door." Anon! When the "hamlet is still," recalling in a retrospect the marvelous work of the first settlers of Wellington, their memory and the goodly heritage abideth.

CHARLES E. TUCKER, a member of the enterprising firm of Hart & Tucker, proprietors of lumber yard, planing-mill and coal yard, Elyria, is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, born in Carlisle township, February 11, 1860, a son of William H. and Clarissa (Andrews) Tucker, the latter of whom died in Elyria January 20, 1870.

William H. Tucker was born March 21, 1826, in Windham, Portage Co., Ohio, the youngest son of Jacob and Chloe Tucker. In boyhood he came with his parents to Lorain county, and the family made a settlement in the woods of what is now Eaton township. He received as liberal an elementary education as the home schools of the times afforded, and by hard work and judicious saving was enabled afterward to place himself in a select school at Ridgeville, Ohio. He then commenced teaching, an occupation he followed the long period of twenty-two years in various parts of Ohio. In 1864 he was elected recorder of Lorain county, a position he filled, by two re-elections, for nine consecutive years. In the meantime he had been making a study of law, and on retiring from the recordership was admitted to the bar at a sitting of the district court at Cleveland, Ohio. In 1864 he came to Elyria, where he is yet residing. Mr. Tucker was

prominent in the organization, in his adopted town, of the Royal Arcanum and of the Knights of Honor, and has filled the highest positions in both these Societies in the State of Ohio.

Charles E. Tucker received his primary education in the common schools, and afterward attended the high school of Elyria. In 1882 he entered the employ of John W. Hart, in the lumber and planing-mill business, and by faithful attention to his duties, steadiness and trustworthiness, soon won the confidence and goodwill of his employer. In 1892 he and L. J. Hart, son of John W. Hart, purchased the entire plant from the latter, and, by close application to business and honorable dealing, the young firm have succeeded in building up a large and lucrative trade, in which they enjoy the utmost confidence of their patrons.

Mr. Tucker was married, September 20, 1882, to Miss Hatty E. Hart, daughter of John W. and Caroline O. Hart. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the F. & A. M. and Chapter. Young, energetic and thoroughly experienced, our subject is specially well adapted to his branch of the business—attending to the sales of lumber, coal, etc., and the outside business.

REV. JOHN MORGAN arrived at Oberlin, in company with Mr. Finney, in 1835. He was then thirty-two years of age, a native of Ireland, having been brought to this country at the age of ten, trained as a printer in eastern cities, prepared for college at Stockbridge, Mass., and graduated at Williams, as valedictorian, in 1826.

He had taken no seminary course, but studied theology some years in New York. He was an instructor in the literary or preparatory department of Lane Seminary, at the time of the anti-slavery excitement there, and was in entire sympathy with the students in their withdrawal. His first appointment to Oberlin was as professor of mathematics, but the call which he accepted was to the chair of the literature and exegesis of the New Testament. This work he entered upon at once, but his broad and thorough scholarship enabled him to fill many a gap, upon emergency, in the new college. There was not a study in the entire curriculum in which he could not give instruction, at an hour's warning, as successfully as if it were his own specialty. But the New Testament was his chosen field, and for this field his linguistic, historical and philosophical gifts and attainments abundantly qualified him. He was no mere mechanical or technical interpreter, but reached at once the soul of the matter, where language and philosophy both harmonize.

The influence of Professor Morgan in the enterprise was conservative in the best sense, not by reason of any inertia or immobility of nature. His enthusiasm, in any well-considered movement, was always prompt, but his breadth of nature and thought and knowledge gave him a view of all sides of every question, and he could not hold an extreme position, or enjoy any extreme action. He could patiently tolerate the extravagances of others, because of his kindliness and his hopefulness. Probably no one among the many instructors who have been at Oberlin has held a larger place in the hearts of all. For many years he was associated with Mr. Finney in the pastorship of the church, preaching once on the Sabbath, and more in Mr. Finney's absence or ill health. At the age of seventy-eight he retired entirely from his work, and since that time has been residing with a son and a daughter in Cleveland. By all right he belongs to Oberlin, and the benediction of his presence in these latest years ought to rest upon us. He expended his interest and his labor upon his classes, and rarely felt that he was ready to commit his thoughts to writing. Thus far he has

given us no books. A few valuable essays are all that we have from him in this form. The "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" and "Acceptable Holiness" were published in the Oberlin *Review*, and an article on the "Atonement," in two parts, can be found in the Bibliotheca Sacra for 1877–8. [Taken from "Oberlin: The Colony and The College," by the kind permission of the author, Prof. James H. Fairchild.

FREDERICK A. ROWLEY. In the front rank of the galaxy of newspaper men in Lorain county stands this gentleman, thoroughly representing *in propria persona*, the hustling, enterprising and wide-awake typical American journalist.

By birth he is a Hoosier, having first opened his eyes to the light of day in Steuben county, Ind., April 17, 1860. His father, Martin V. Rowley, was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, in 1836, and is now a prominent real-estate dealer of Oberlin, Lorain county. He was married to Miss Lydia Clarke, a native of Caledonia county, Vt., also still living, and they had five children, as follows: Lillian, who died in youth; Willis A., who has a responsible position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Coshocton, Ohio; Frederick A., the subject of this sketch; Mary E., deceased when eighteen years old; and Kate M., attending Oberlin College, Ohio. Enos Rowley, paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., of English ancestry, and the Clarke family also date back to England.

Frederick A. Rowley, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education at the public schools of Huron county, Ohio, and at the age of seventeen precipitated himself into the arena of journalism in the Arcadian role of "devil" for the *Times*, in Carey, Wyandot Co., Ohio, where he served his apprenticeship. From there he proceeded to Oberlin, intending to take a regular course in college, but after a short time turned his back—*literally*, not *figuratively*—upon the college, with his face and footsteps toward the town of Lorain. Here he again took up newspaper work, ultimately establishing the Lorain *Times*, which, after conducting it successfully some six years, he sold out. He then sought employment in western cities, securing positions on leading newspapers, finally halting at Kansas City, Mo., where he found employment on the local staff of the *Times*. While in that city he was elected assistant secretary of the Inter-State Fair Association, in which capacity he served during the fall of 1877. In that year he returned to Ohio, and was engaged for a time as court reporter on the Cleveland *Press*, and later he launched into the world, for weal or for woe, the *Herald*, at Lorain. After a year the *Herald* became a semi-weekly paper, and is a bright and spicy sheet, clean both in type and in matter, newsy, trenchant and vigorous, and like its publisher and editor, uncompromisingly Republican.

ROBERT MERRIAM, the most extensive farmer and landowner in Pittsfield township, is a native of same, born January 7, 1840. His father, William A. Merriam, was born April 5, 1811, in Pittsfield township, Berkshire Co., Mass., and was reared to farm life, receiving in his youth a common-school education.

In 1836 William A. Merriam married Miss Lucy H. Fairfield, a native of the same place, and in the following spring (1837) the young couple migrated westward, journeying by way of canal and lake to Cleveland, Ohio. Their boat was the first to make the trip to Cleveland that spring, and the passengers were obliged to travel for eleven miles over the ice; during this journey the boat took fire, and they

narrowly escaped being burned. Proceeding from Cleveland to Amherst, Lorain county, they remained at the latter place one summer, and then removed to Pittsfield township, same county, where he invested in 110 acres of land at seven dollars and fifty cents per acre. This tract was completely wild, with the exception of fourteen acres which had been chopped but not cleared. The dwelling was a log cabin, with puncheon floor and Dutch chimney-place, but no hearth, and here were born two children: Robert, and John F., a well-to-do retired citizen of St. Joseph, Mo. Here Mr. Merriam passed the remainder of his life, never journeying more than forty miles from home, and he never traveled by rail. He was a hard-working, industrious farmer, and was well known in the community in which he resided. In politics he was a Democrat. He passed from earth February 27, 1871, his widow on August 12, 1890, and both are buried in South cemetery, in Pittsfield township. In religious faith Mrs. Merriam was a member of the Congregational Church.

Robert Merriam received his education in the common schools and at Wellington Seminary, and later took a commercial course at Oberlin College, when S. S. Calkins was at the head of that department. He was afterward a student at Wellington Station, on the C. C. C. & I. Railroad, at the time when Noah Hamilton was agent for the "Big Four" Railway at that place, but, being dissatisfied there, returned home and followed farming with his father.

On June 2, 1869, he was united in marriage with Chloe M. Sheffield, who was born October 30, 1844, in Camden township, Lorain county, daughter of Robert S. Sheffield, who was born in Schenectady, N. Y.; in April, 1842, he came westward to Pittsfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he married Delia Watkins, and followed farming the remainder of his life. Mr. Merriam is an industrious, persevering and enterprising man, possessing considerable business ability, and has accumulated during his active lifetime a comfortable competence. Some years since he inherited quite a sum of money, which he invested in land, and he is now the owner of 422 acres, being the largest farmer in Pittsfield township, of which he is a leading and influential citizen. In politics he is a Democrat, but beyond casting his ballot takes little active interest in affairs of State. Mrs. Merriam is a highly esteemed, intelligent lady, well-read and an interesting conversationalist.

Mr. and Mrs. Merriam have enjoyed many pleasant trips to Connecticut and Massachusetts, visiting the old homes of their parents, besides other journeyings. In August, 1892, they set out on a western tour, their first stopping place being St. Joseph, Mo., where Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Merriam and daughter, and Mrs. Gray, Mrs. J. F. Merriam's mother, joined them for the remainder of the trip. From there the party proceeded to Denver, Colo., thence to Colorado Springs, stood on the summit of Pike's Peak, drank of the Manitou Springs, and visited the "Garden of the Gods." Thence they proceeded to Pueblo, where they visited the "Mineral Palace," and the smelting works, witnessing there the transforming of crude ore into perfected steel rails. Salt Lake City was their next point, where they were fortunate enough to meet a Mormon elder with whom they had some previous acquaintance, and he showed them many things of interest. From Salt Lake City they journeyed to other points, including Madera, Cal., from which town they went by stage (the first vehicle of the kind to make the trip through to the Yosemite Valley), seven days being occupied *en route*. Returning to Madera, the tourists there took train for Los Angeles, where they made a stay of three days, visiting the ostrich farm, etc., and here for the first time they had a glimpse of the Pacific Ocean. From there they proceeded to Old Mexico; thence to Oakland and San Fran-

cisco, Cal.; thence to Salem and Portland, Oreg.; thence took a flying trip into the new State of Washington. Then turning homeward, they stopped off at Shoshone, from there staging twenty-eight miles to Shoshone Falls and Blue Lake. Returning to Shoshone they traveled to Denver, thence home via St. Joseph, Mo., just escaping the great and memorable snow-storm, having from the time they first left St. Joseph been traveling seven weeks, everywhere sight-seeing and visiting most of the accessible places of interest.

HENRY RIMBACH, furniture dealer and undertaker, one of the foremost business men of Elyria, was born in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., October 30, 1854.

His parents, Henry and Catharine (Brandau) Rimbach, natives of Hessia, Germany, came to America in the year 1852, locating in Buffalo, N. Y., where they were shortly after married, and here Mr. Rimbach followed his trade, that of cabinet making, until late in the year 1855, when they and their young son, Henry, came to Elyria, Ohio. For a period of ten years he pursued his business in the employ of others, and at the expiration of this term he engaged in business on his own account, and this he conducted to the time of his death, when his son Henry succeeded to the business. Henry Rimbach, Sr., was born January 23, 1825, and died December 26, 1878; a man whose business career was successful, and whose character was without stain or blemish. Mrs. Rimbach was born February 7, 1833, and died November 21, 1881. Their children were as follows: Henry, whose name prefaces this sketch; Anna, wife of Charles Friday, of Elyria; Ernst C., a cigarmaker, of Elyria; George, in the boot and shoe business in Elyria; John; and Adam, an ordained minister of Cleveland, Ohio.

Grandfather Rimbach, whose name was Christopher, was a native of Germany, and came to America in 1854. He was a gifted musician and a professor of the violin and clarinet. He made his home in Pennsylvania till the year 1868, when he came to Elyria, making his home with his son Henry, and, after the latter's death, with his grandson, Henry; he died at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years; he was born in 1800. Although a resident of the United States for thirty-four years he never spoke English.

We cannot well conclude this notice without some favorable mention of the eldest surviving member of this family. Henry Rimbach was early taught the value of books, and also was early made aware that toil and frugality were both essential to success. He received a good school training, and when respited from his studies he was taught to shove the plane. From a poor boy he has hewn out his own prosperity, and to-day takes easy rank among established and older business men of his city. Socially he is a member of the R. A., and a member of the Funeral Directors' Association, of Ohio. Politically he is a Democrat. On May 19, 1880, he married Miss Christina Herold, of Berea, Ohio, and they have two children in their home: Emanuel and Henry. The business house of Mr. Rimbach is one of the most substantial structures of Elyria.

JOSEPH H. LINCOLN, deceased farmer of Pittsfield township, was a native of Peru, Bennington Co., Vt., born January 31, 1818. He received a common-school education, was reared to the duties of agricultural life, and when a young man migrated westward with his parents to Ionia county, Mich. On the way thither Joseph stopped to visit a short while with his brother, S. W. Lincoln, who had settled on a farm in Pittsfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and

in 1848, shortly after the death of his father, which occurred in Michigan, he came to Pittsfield township, and here resided with his brother for about one year.

On April 3, 1849, Mr. Lincoln was united in marriage with Hannah N. Phelps, a native of New Marlborough, Mass., who was born January 9, 1819, youngest child of Bethuel and Levina (Norton) Phelps. The parents migrated westward, settling in Pittsfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, on the same farm where their daughter Hannah still resides; and at the time of their settlement the country was still in its primitive state, the forests abounding with bears, wolves, turkeys and other wild animals. After marriage Mr. Lincoln settled on the farm of his father-in-law, the "Phelps Homestead," where he passed the remainder of his life, successfully carrying on a general farming and dairy business. He owned a farm in Ionia county, Mich., but sold it. To Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln were born two children: Louisa, who died at the age of thirty-two; and Andrew P., a farmer of Pittsfield township. The father died in February, 1862, and was buried in South cemetery, and Mrs. Lincoln has since managed the farm (excepting for four years when it was rented), displaying in this capacity considerable business ability. In politics Mr. Lincoln was an ardent Republican, and held various positions of trust in Pittsfield township.

QUARTUS GILLMORE is a member of one of the early families of Lorain county, of which he is a native, born in May, 1839, a son of Quartus and Elizabeth (Reid) Gillmore. The Gillmores are of Scotch ancestry, and early settlers of Massachusetts.

The father of our subject was a native of Massachusetts, whence in the spring of 1810 he set out on foot for Ohio, where he located land in what was then the Connecticut Reserve, which land is now in Lorain county. In the fall of the same year he returned to Massachusetts, and in the spring of the following year once more came to his new settlement (this time in company with his father, Edmund Gillmore), and here passed the rest of his days in farming; he died in 1869, his widow in 1876. They were both Methodists, and in politics he was first a Whig, then a Free-soiler, and, in his later years, a Republican. They reared a family of eight children, namely: Gen. Quincy A., a native of Lorain, Lorain county (after leaving school, and up to the age of twenty, he taught school; then entered the Military Academy at West Point, where in 1849 he graduated at the head of his class; he was well known in the Civil war, and his death occurred at Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1888); Elizabeth, wife of W. Prince, of Cleveland; Sophia, wife of D. S. Leslie, of Northport, Mich.; Roxana, wife of A. B. Spooner, in California; Edmund, a resident of Lorain; Alice, wife of James Connolly, of Lorain (she died in January, 1893); Quartus, subject of this sketch; and Cornelius, residing in Cleveland, Ohio.

Quartus Gillmore received a liberal education at the public schools of his native county, and at the age of seventeen commenced sailing on the lakes, a vocation he followed several years, at one time as captain of a vessel. In 1866 he gave up seafaring life, and embarked in the grape-growing industry, continuing in this until 1882, when he formed a partnership with a Mr. Stang, under the firm name of Stang & Gillmore, dredgers and pier builders. In 1888 they dissolved partnership, since when Mr. Gillmore has carried on the same line of business alone.

In 1859 our subject was married, in Lorain, Ohio, to Miss Mary Fitzgerald, who was born in Michigan, but reared in Lorain county, Ohio, daughter of Almond and Mary (Root) Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, who in an early day came to Lorain county, where they died. To Mr. and Mrs. Gillmore have been born four children:

Quartus A., married and residing in Cleveland, Ohio; Mary Isabelle, wife of Theodore Burgess, of Lorain, who is employed on the C. L. & W. R. R.; Theodore Leroy, married and residing at Conneaut, Ohio; and William, at home. Mr. Gillmore in his political preferences has been a Republican since his first vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. Socially he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and Royal Arcanum. He is the owner of considerable property in Lorain.

CYRUS IVES, for nearly sixty years a resident of Columbia township, where he now owns a magnificent tract of land of five hundred acres, divided into four farms, deserves special mention in this volume.

He was born, in 1825, in Genesee (now Wyoming) county, N. Y., a son of Albert and Betsey (Russell) Ives, natives of Connecticut and Vermont, respectively, who in 1834 came with their family to Lorain county, locating in Columbia Center, later moving to the southwest part of Columbia township, where they hewed out for themselves a new home in the solemn woods. They were the parents of five children, to wit: Cyrus, our subject; Harriet Maria, wife of Andrew Osborne, residing in Columbia township; Ambrose, deceased; Seth, residing in Columbia; and Sarah Jane, who married Warren Bracy, and died in 1891, in Columbia township. The parents were devout and zealous members of the Baptist Church, and the father for several years was sexton in his neighborhood. He was an ardent Democrat, and a man of wide reputation for his sterling principles. He was called from earth in 1872, his wife in 1874.

Cyrus Ives was reared in his native county until ten years of age, at which time his parents brought him to Lorain county, and he then attended the schools of Columbia township. Reared to agricultural pursuits, he has been a lifelong farmer, progressive and successful, and he and his father were the prime movers in establishing Columbia township. In 1849 he was married in Elyria, Ohio, to Miss Prudence Stranahan, a native of Connecticut, and daughter of Joshua and Mary (Mason) Stranahan, also of that State. The mother died there, and the father afterward married, in Connecticut, Miss Lucy Farnham. In 1830 they came to Columbia township, Lorain county, and took up a farm. This wife died, and Mr. Stranahan then married, in 1854, Miss Jeanette Stone; he died in 1856. By his first marriage, only, there are surviving children, as follows: Sheffield J., who resides in Michigan; Martha Louisa, wife of Daniel Bigelow, of Columbia township; and Prudence, Mrs. Ives.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ives was born one child, John Cyrus, who was cut off in his twenty-fourth year, April 12, 1881, after a lingering illness from catarrhal consumption. He was a member of the Baptist Church, was licensed to preach, and went to Denison University three years, never missing either a recitation or chapel service or prayer meeting in all that time. At his death he could read four languages. On the Sabbath he was called to his reward, Communion service was postponed until the following Sabbath, when his father officiated. Politically our subject is a Democrat, taking a lively interest in the affairs of his party. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church at Columbia Center, in which he has been a deacon forty-one years, and during all that time he never missed attending church to officiate excepting one Sabbath.

JAMES WHIPPLE was born March 16, 1811, in Pomfret town, Windham Co., Conn. His parents, Charles and Hannah Whipple, were both natives of North Providence, R. I., born April 28, 1779, and November 14, 1786,

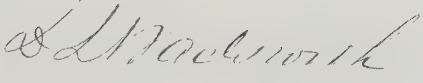
respectively. In 1807 they moved to Pomfret, Conn., and thence in 1815 to Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N. Y., where they passed the remainder of their lives. Charles Whipple died January 8, 1866, aged eighty-six years; his wife, Hannah, had preceded him to the grave December 6, 1863, when aged seventy-eight years.

On May 24, 1833, James Whipple came to Lorain county, Ohio, having previously purchased in Brighton one hundred acres of land, known as the Loomis farm; this farm he afterward increased to two hundred acres. On November 14, 1839, he was united in marriage with Melinda Dunbar, who was born September 6, 1819, at Sandy Lake, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., daughter of John Dunbar, who was born June, 1777, at Bridgewater, Norfolk Co., Mass., of Scotch and English descent. He resided with his parents at Bridgewater until sixteen years of age, when he removed with them to Grantham, Sullivan Co., N. H. In 1800 he was married to Sally Annadown, who was born September 29, 1776, daughter of Joseph and Dorcas Annadown, of Southbridge, Mass., and they resided at Grantham until February, 1818, when they removed to Sandy Lake. In 1820 they went to Ludlow, Windsor Co., Vt., thence, in 1831, to Minerva, Essex Co., N. Y. In the latter part of May, 1835, they came westward to Ohio, locating, in the latter part of September, in Brighton, Lorain county, where Mr. Dunbar passed from earth January 8, 1838, when aged sixty-one years. He carried on farming on a place situated about three-fourths of a mile north of the center of the township. His widow passed away September 22, 1854, aged seventy-eight years. Melinda Dunbar received in her youth a common-school education, and was sixteen years of age when she came with her parents to Brighton township, Lorain Co., Ohio.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Whipple were born four children, viz.: Jefferson C., born August 18, 1841; Anzonette, born February 8, 1851, died June 17, 1859, aged eight years, four months and nine days; Emma, born April 2, 1857, died June 12, 1859, aged two years, two months and ten days; and Manette C., born October 31, 1861. The family homestead is one and a half miles from Brighton. Mr. Whipple was actively identified with the early religious and political questions of the town, taking his part in the development of the country.

DAVID L. WADSWORTH AND FAMILY. David L. Wadsworth, youngest and seventh son of Lawton and Nancy R. Wadsworth, was born in Becket, Berkshire Co., Mass., June 1, 1825. He was a lad of fine promise—bright, witty and active—and grew up among the granite hills, laying the foundation for character noted in after years for geniality and good fellowship. A true son of sturdy New England ancestry.

On April 15, 1833, Lawton Wadsworth and family started from Becket on a western journey, moving by overland route, with horses and covered wagons, and arrived in Wellington, Ohio, May 9, making the journey of about 600 miles in twenty-four days. David L. was then in his eighth year, and the town of Wellington in its pioneer stage. Here, for fifty-nine consecutive years, he dwelt among her people, growing with her growth, strengthening with her strength, until, step by step, he moved onward and upward, with the march of improvements of this busy, bustling town. During his youthful days he acquired a good common-school education, which was supplemented with a few terms at Oberlin College, preparatory to following the vocation of school teacher. For seven years he taught in district schools during the winter terms, establishing a good record as instructor and disciplinarian.



In 1840 he commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Hall, of Orange, Ohio, but acquiring a distaste for this profession, he shortly returned to the parental homestead, and gave his attention to farming and stock dealing, developing a spirit of speculation that proved lasting, and as years passed brought forth its complement of unlimited success. On October 22, 1850, D. L. Wadsworth was united in marriage with Miss Rosenia C. Woodworth, of Rochester, Lorain county, a daughter of Hiram and Caroline L. (Wales) Woodworth, born November 5, 1831, in Bristol, N. Y., and who came with her parents to Rochester in 1832, where they settled for a term of years. Three children were the fruits of this marriage, viz.: Kitty May, born May 20, 1856, and died April 6, 1858 (she was a beautiful child, sweet and lovable, and died greatly lamented); Georgie M., born September 25, 1861, and Leon H., born October 13, 1863. In 1866 the present family residence, situate on North Main street, was completed and occupied. In 1868 Mr. Wadsworth purchased a planing mill, and embarked in the manufacture of doors, sash and blinds, dealing largely in lumber, shingles, lath, etc. Afterward other industries were added, to wit: a cheese and butter-box factory; and later on he established a lumber yard and planing-mill in Greenwich, Ohio, giving employment to upward of seventy-five workmen. He was a prominent dealer in real estate, buying farms, building houses about town for dwellings and other purposes, a hundred or more, adding much to the general growth and prosperity of the village wherein he dwelt.

On October 22, 1875, Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in a right royal manner, with some 300 guests in attendance, who presented many elegant silver gifts in honor of the occasion. It was a fete noted for its social and enjoyable features, and ever remembered with pleasure by those who participated therein.

Mr. Wadsworth's political faith dated from the famous "Rescue Case" of 1858, after which time he was a Democrat. In 1861 he became an ardent, zealous and enthusiastic War Democrat. He called the first meeting for the purpose of securing volunteers, and his cry of: "Boys, this means business," was very like a clarion note, inciting men to do their duty, and to do it well. He gave generously of his time and money to further the cause of loyalty to the Union, and was ever a true and firm friend to the "boys in blue." Although the district in which Mr. Wadsworth lived has always been Republican, yet he received many political honors. On April 1, 1878, he was appointed, by Gov. Bishop, trustee of the Cleveland Insane Asylum, holding this position five years. Gov. Hoadley appointed him trustee of the State Institution for the Blind, and this position was held during the remainder of that governor's term of office, also the entire first term of Gov. Foraker, a Republican official. In 1875 he was nominated to fill the office of State treasurer, and was defeated by only two votes; in 1888 he was nominated for a representative to Congress, and succeeded in reducing the Republican majority in his own county over four hundred. In 1890 he was offered the same nomination, but declined the honor. Although not a member of any church, his public spirit led him to contribute largely to the building of churches without regard to color or creed. In Free Masonry he attained the thirty-second degree.

Mr. Wadsworth gave his children, Georgie M. and Leon H., every facility for educational advantage. After this years' attendance in the Union schools of Wellington, Georgie was given one year of schooling in Oberlin, and two years in Miss Mittleberger's Select School for young ladies, in Cleveland. Leon H. graduated in the Ann Arbor (Mich.) Law School in 1883. On October 14, 1885, he

married Miss Mary E., only daughter of Capt. William and Sophia Trinter, of Vermillion, Ohio. The wedding was celebrated with all due honors at the home of the bride's parents, and wedding gifts were numerous and valuable. On October 22, 1885, on the thirty-fifth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wadsworth's wedding, their daughter Georgie M. was united in marriage with Mr. D. B. Ordway, of Hornellsville, N. Y. A reception was also tendered Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Wadsworth at the same time and place, and once again the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wadsworth was filled with many guests to celebrate this triple event in the history of the family. The generous collection of rare flowers used for decorations; the elegant home furnishings; the rich costumes, as seen under gaslight, made a charming picture, worthy of being perpetuated on canvas.

Previous to the marriage of the children homes had been prepared and furnished, ready for occupancy. Mr. and Mrs. Ordway's home was located in Hornellsville, N. Y., while that of Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Wadsworth was near the paternal homestead, and he was given an interest in his father's lumber business. In March, 1886, Mr. and Mrs. Ordway returned to Wellington, taking up a residence in the house previously occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Leon H., the latter moving to Greenwich, Ohio, and taking charge of the lumber business, previously established at that place by his father. Mr. Ordway was given a position in the lumber business in Wellington similar to that of Leon H. On October 25, 1886, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Wadsworth, and was christened William Luther, in honor of each grandfather. On November 29, 1886, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ordway, and christened James Wadsworth Ordway.

In 1890 D. L. Wadsworth received an appointment from Gov. Campbell as a member of the World's Fair Board from Ohio. He was a most active and tireless worker, and from over-exertion in this cause was attributed the fatal illness that cut short the thread of life in so summary a manner. Mr. Wadsworth died at his home on the evening of October 7, 1892, of heart failure, at the age of sixty-seven years. His illness was only of a few hours' duration. Dr. E. G. Rust, the family physician, was in attendance, and his family all present. The funeral service was conducted at his late home, Tuesday, 2 o'clock P. M., October 11, by Rev. William Barton, pastor of the Congregational Church, assisted by Jacob W. Vanderwerf, eminent commander of the Order of Knights Templar, Oriental Commandery of Cleveland, Ohio, of which Order Mr. Wadsworth had been a member for twenty years. The perfection ring presentation was conducted by Prelates Ills. Charles A. Woodward and Brenton D. Babcock; music was rendered by a Knights Templar quartet, the ceremonies being all most solemn and impressive. Mr. Wadsworth's remains were dressed in the Knights Templar regalia, as were the fifty or more Knights in attendance. The casket and rooms were adorned with choice flower pieces, gifts from the various Orders to which the deceased belonged, also from relatives and friends, and their honied perfume made the air fragrant with sweetness. The day was most divinely fair, each shrub and tree had put on its most attractive colors, and the rich, mellow sunshine, softened by cooling breezes, baptized Mother Earth with a glory quite indescribable. All the principal business houses and shops in town were closed during the funeral obsequies, and the attendance was very large. The roomy house and extensive grounds were filled to overflowing. No greater tribute of respect was ever paid a deceased citizen of Wellington, than was freely given on this occasion, by not only the citizens of the town, but by all surrounding towns, whence came many people to pay their last respects and to extend their

sympathy to the bereaved family. The order of the procession was as follows: First Wellington Brass Band, playing a funeral dirge; carriage containing the clergy; hearse, guarded by six Knights Templar, bearing reversed swords, followed by fifty or more of same Order on foot, each dressed in regalia of their Order; Masons of all grades; workmen employed in the various industries carried on by the Wadsworth firm; carriage containing mourners; carriages containing citizens; citizens on foot, numbering several hundred. The service at the grave was conducted by Prelates same as at the family residence, and the remains were lowered into their last resting-place amid a sprinkling of evergreens and floral blossoms.

"EARTH TO EARTH, AND DUST TO DUST."

His widow still resides in the now lonely home, where, on every hand, are seen evidences of the thoughtful outlook and careful supervision on the part of the dear departed, for the comfort of those dwelling within the home circle. Ah! it is little wonder the bereaved heart continually cries for the protecting arms that were wont to shield it from all adverse afflictions and trials, incident to human life whilst making its earthly pilgrimage.

GEORGE H. ANDRESS, a prominent agriculturist of Henrietta township, is a native of same, born August 5, 1834, a son of Carlo and Nancy (Buckly) Andress.

Carlo Andress was born November 6, 1804, in Essex county, N. Y., and came to Ohio in 1817. On March 1, 1832, he was married in Henrietta to Nancy Buckly, who was born in Auburn, N. Y., May 30, 1812, and they lived together nineteen years, when she died, August 25, 1851. They had but one child, George H., the subject of this sketch. Carlo Andress was subsequently, on December 4, 1851, married to Weltha Smith, of Elyria, by which union he had two children, both born in Henrietta, at the old homestead, viz.: Alice, born October 30, 1853, and Henry, born June 19, 1855. Carlo Andress died of paralysis November 8, 1870, in Oberlin, whither he had removed in order to have his children educated; his wife was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., August 16, 1815, and died April 24, 1871.

Carlo Andress commenced life as a pioneer farmer, working early and late without any of the comforts and barely the necessities of life. For the wife of his earlier years he married one that was as willing to work as was he, and together they labored and managed to lay the foundation of a competency. He was elected justice of the peace in the time of T. Corwin, in 1842, and was for many years justice in Henrietta township, where he tried to have all troubles settled without any ill-will. His wife was a Christian woman, having joined the Disciple Church while quite young, and remaining true to her early faith till the last. She was noted for her goodness to the poor and her kindness to the sick, and her sweetness of disposition is often spoken of until this day by the people who knew her best. Two brothers of hers and their descendants are living in Henrietta township at the present time. His second spouse was a model wife and mother, devoting her entire time to her family. He could at this time provide for his family far differently than in his younger days. He and his wife were deeply interested in the welfare of their children and the people that were of their household.

Our subject attended the primitive country schools of his boyhood days, and Berea (Ohio) College two terms. He then assisted his father in the farm work, clearing the land of timber and undergrowth, and converting the virgin soil into fertile fields. At the age of about twenty-three years he commenced life for his own account, as a full-fledged farmer, and in his vocation has been highly successful. He

now owns 134 acres of prime land, one hundred of which were cultivated by his father.

In 1859 Mr. Andress was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Elson, and three children were born to them, as follows: Maud (Mrs. Fred Fowler, of Berlin Heights, Ohio), born April 13, 1861; Ernest, born July 18, 1863, died January 16, 1873; and Leon, born March 13, 1865. The mother of these died in 1868, and in 1870 our subject intermarried with Adelaide Ennis, by which union there is one child, Frank, in the express office in Elyria. In 1872 Mr. Andress married Amelia Hutchison, daughter of William Hutchison, and children, as follows, were born to this union: Edna, at present at Painesville (Ohio) Seminary; Elsie, teaching school at Berlin Heights, Ohio; Walter, deceased; Henry, Fred and Bessie, at home. Politically our subject is a Democrat, but in local elections he invariably votes for the best man regardless of party.

EDMUND GILLMORE. A biographical record of Lorain county would be incomplete were prominent mention not made of this gentleman, who is a native of the county, born February 10, 1833, in Black River township.

Mr. Gillmore is a son of Quartus and Elizabeth (Reid) Gillmore, the former of whom was a native of Chester, Hampden Co., Mass., a son of Edmund and Elizabeth (Stuart) Gillmore, also of Massachusetts, born of English and Scotch ancestry, respectively. From their native State they came west to what was then known as the "Connecticut Western Reserve," locating, in 1811, in what is now Lorain county, Ohio, where he bought wild land which he cleared, passing the rest of his days thereon. He was a farmer and landowner in Amherst and Black River townships, and he and his wife died in Black River township, in 1843 and 1844, respectively. They had a family of ten children —nine sons and one daughter—a brief record of them being as follows: (1) Quartus, born in 1790, has mention made further on. (2) Aretus, born in Massachusetts in 1792, died in Lorain county, Ohio. (3) Orrin, born in Massachusetts in 1794, died in Cuyahoga county, Ohio. (4) Simon, born in 1796, died in Detroit, Mich., in 1833; he was a ship carpenter by occupation. (5) Truman, born in 1798, died in Lorain county, Ohio, in 1881. (6) Linas, born in 1801, died in Lorain in 1881. (7) Roxanna, born in 1803, was married in Lorain county to Robert Wright, and died in Oregon. (8) Alanson was born in 1805. (9) Edmund, born in 1801, died in Minnesota. (10) James Madison, born in 1811, died in Lorain county, Ohio.

Quartus Gillmore came west with his parents, the journey being made with teams. In what is now Lorain county, Ohio, he married Elizabeth Reid, who died in 1876, surviving her husband seven years, he having passed away in 1869. In politics he was an active Whig, afterward a Republican; was for many years a magistrate, and about 1837 was appointed the first trustee of Black River township. Of their family of children, Quincy A. was born in Lorain county in 1825, and was educated in the public schools of Norwalk and at Elyria Academy; was a teacher in the public schools for three years; in 1845 entered the Military Academy, where he graduated at the head of his class, and ultimately became a noted general. He died in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 7, 1888.

Edmund Gillmore received his education at the public schools of Black River township, Lorain county, and at the age of fifteen commenced sailing on the lakes, making trips to Oswego, Chicago, and all lake ports, which vocation he continued in for ten years. He also worked at ship caulking, and while so engaged on one occasion received a severe injury. For ten

months he was with a brother in New York City, acting as shipping agent and assistant draughtsman.

In 1858 Edmund Gillmore was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide E. Gillmore, a native of Lorain, Lorain Co., Ohio, and daughter of Alanson Gillmore, of Lorain. To this union has been born one child, Quincy A. Gillmore, a prominent attorney at law of Elyria, Ohio. Politically our subject is a pronounced Republican, and has held several offices of trust in his locality, such as assessor for some time, township clerk for fifteen years, justice of the peace since 1863, and notary public for the past twenty years.

QUINCY A. GILLMORE, a leading attorney at law of Elyria, was born May 12, 1859, in Lorain county, Ohio, a son of Edmund and Adelaide E. (Gillmore) Gillmore, also natives of the county, who are now residents of the town of Lorain.

Our subject received his education in Oberlin and Delaware Wesleyan Colleges, graduating in 1881. Making a study of law, he graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in 1883, and in the fall of 1884 located in Elyria for the practice of his chosen profession, in which he has met with well-merited success. In 1884 he was married to Miss Frankie G. Brown, and one child has come to brighten their home, named Scott E. Politically Mr. Gillmore is one of the most ardent Republicans in his section, and he is a member of the K. P. and of the Lorain County Bar Association.

GEORGE W. RICE. This gentleman is descended from one of the pioneer families of Lorain county, and is a native of the same, having first seen the light on his father's farm in Amherst township February 19, 1846.

His father, Abram Rice, was born April 21, 1801, in Fayette county, Penn., and in 1822 came to Lorain county, where he took up one hundred acres of wild land in Black River township. Later he moved into Amherst township and bought a partly-improved farm of one Moses Mulnick, where he passed the remainder of his pioneer days, dying in 1876. In his political preferences he was a Whig and Abolitionist, and, later, a Republican. In religious sentiment he was a Methodist. He was married in Fayette county, Penn., to Miss Margaret Stacker, who died in March, 1891. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom the following is a brief sketch: (1) Mary was married in Illinois to O. P. Kilmer, of New York, who enlisted in Company F, Forty-First O. V. I., and was shot at Pittsburgh Landing in 1862, dying two weeks later in Cincinnati; his widow died February 28, 1891. (2) Daniel was born in 1824, was reared in the county, and here married Mary Smith, of Black River township, Lorain county, who died shortly afterward; in 1850 he went to California, where he married and had six children—five daughters and one son; he died June 23, 1889, in Arroyo Grande, Cal. (3) Samuel A., born in 1826, became an early pioneer of Grant county, Wis., where he married and passed the rest of his days, dying in 1855, leaving a widow and one daughter, now Mrs. Ella Jansen, of Clay Center, Kans. (4) Ann E., born in 1827, was married in 1850, in Lorain county, to Hiram Wilber, of New York, who came in an early day to Lorain county, where he died in 1878; they had two children: Byron E., in Adams county, Iowa (married and has two children, Stella and Jessie); and Eda B., married to M. Cunningham, of Columbus, Ohio, and has two children, George and Roy. (5) John S., born in 1829, was married to Miss Lucy Hale, of Lorain county, sometime in the "fifties." At the time of his marriage he was keeping a hotel at Berlin Heights, Erie Co., Ohio. Later he sold

out, and removed to Minnesota, where he was residing when the call came for volunteers to suppress the Rebellion. He enlisted in the Second Regiment Minnesota Infantry, and served until discharged on account of chronic sore eyes. Afterward he moved to Iowa, and still later went with his family to Arroyo Grande, Cal., where he now resides, surrounded by his family of eight sons and one daughter, besides numerous grandchildren. (6) Melissa, born in 1830, was married to H. P. Strickler, of Pennsylvania; she died in 1861, leaving one son and one daughter; the son, L. D., and daughter, Mrs. Meda Sandrock, reside with their families in Amherst township. (7) Adaline, born in 1832, is the widow of Wm. Pearl, and resides in North Amherst; she has three sons: Eugene F., Corrice C. and Arthur A. (8) Margaret J., born October 7, 1833, was married to I. G. Hazel, and to them were born five children, viz.: Emma and Alma, both deceased; Alpha, residing in Oberlin; Ruby, wife of Everett E. Walker, of North Amherst, and Harry, attending Oberlin College; Margaret J. Hazel died in North Amherst March 28, 1890. (9) Nancy O., born January 6, 1835, married R. G. Barney, who enlisted for one year in Company E, Sixth Ohio Cavalry, served his time out, and died November 12, 1872; they had two children, Mrs. Maggie Root, and Mrs. Mina Gutenfelder, of Cleveland; Nancy O. Barney died in 1869. (10) Susan, born in 1837, is the wife of John K. Hazel, who was a member of Company C, Second Wisconsin Cavalry; they live in Florida; they have three children living: Loudon C., Percy and Mark. (11) Abram J., born January 17, 1840, enlisted in 1861 in Company F, Forty-first O. V. I., was killed at the battle of Pittsburg Landing April 7, 1862, and was buried on the battlefield; the G. A. R. Post located at Amherst is named in honor of him. (12) Wesley, born January 29, 1842, is married and resides in Oberlin; he has two children, Alma, wife of Charles J. Maynard, and Mary Faith. (13) Charles, born December 5, 1843, died August 31, 1886, at Amherst. (14) George W. is the subject of this sketch. On the father's side the family were of French-German ancestry, on that of the mother they claim German-Dutch lineage. Grandfather Rice served in the Revolutionary war, and died in Pennsylvania.

George W. Rice, the subject of this sketch, received a moderate education at the common schools of Amherst township and at Berea College. In his boyhood and youth he was thoroughly inducted into the mysteries of agricultural pursuits, which have been his life work, and he now owns the homestead, consisting of ninety acres of prime land, all in a good state of cultivation. Socially he is a member of Amherst Lodge No. 74, K. of P., and is Master of Exchequer in same; also member of Amherst Lodge No. 96, I. O. G. T. Politically he is a zealous Republican, and for nearly a quarter of a century he has been an active member of the board of education of Amherst township, being at present president of the same. Up to date he is unmarried, none the less he is the leading spirit of his neighborhood, socially and politically; his interest in the welfare of old and young never flags.

GEORGE C. JEFFERIES, attorney at law and war claim agent, Elyria, was born June 22, 1837, in Spencer, Lorain (now Medina) Co., Ohio, a son of Gilbert and Mary A. (Spencer) Jefferies, the latter of whom was the eldest daughter of Col. Spencer, after whom the town and township of Spencer (Medina county) were named. She died the day following Thanksgiving Day, 1891, at the age of eighty years, a member of the M. E. Church.

Gilbert Jefferies was born in October, 1811, in the town of Webster, N. Y., and in 1832 came to Ohio, making a settlement in Spencer, Lorain (now Medina)

county. He was a farmer all his life, and died June 22, 1870. An Old-line Whig originally, he united with the Republican party in 1854 (the year of its organization), and was a member of the M. E. Church. Thomas Jefferies, paternal grandfather of subject, came to Medina county in 1847, and passed the rest of his days with our subject's parents. Gilbert and Mary A. (Spencer) Jefferies were the parents of nine children—seven sons and two daughters—of whom our subject is the eldest, and six are yet living.

George C. Jefferies received his education in the country schools and at Oberlin College (where his mother was also in part educated). After reading law with Hon. H. G. Blake, of Medina, Ohio, he enlisted August 12, 1862, in Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth O. V. I. His regiment was attached to the army of the Cumberland, and its first camp was made in Elizabethtown, Ky., whence it was sent to Nashville and Franklin, Tenn., at which latter place a battle was fought. Thence the regiment marched to Triune, same State, from there to Readyville and Manchester, Tenn., from which latter it moved to the Sequatchie Valley. On September 19, 1863, it participated in the battle of Chickamauga, where Mr. Jefferies (then serving as first sergeant) was so severely wounded that he had to retire from the army. On his return home he completed his law studies, and in 1875 was admitted to the bar of the State of Ohio, and the United States bar. In 1876 he commenced the practice of his profession, and in 1878 moved into Elyria. Since 1885, in connection with his legal business, he has given special attention to war claims.

On July 7, 1870, Mr. Jefferies was married, at Chatham, Medina Co., Ohio, to Miss Mary Hine, and three children have been born to them, viz.: Gilbert C., born in Spencer, Medina Co., Ohio, August 8, 1871, now a stenographer and typewriter in Elyria; Edgar C., born at Elyria October 15, 1879, now at school, and Thomas C., born at Elyria February 7, 1881, also at school. Our subject in politics is a Republican, in religion a Methodist. He is a member of the G. A. R., and U. V. Legion. The first of this family of Jefferies in Ameria was the first governor of Connecticut.

Mrs. Mary (Hine) Jefferies was born January 6, 1846, at Chester, Wayne Co., Ohio, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Luce) Hine, the latter of whom died when Mary was a child. The father in early life settled in Wayne county, Ohio, where he became one of the largest horse and wheat raisers, and there resided until he was well advanced in years, when he moved to Chatham. There he passed from earth in November, 1876, at the age of seventy-eight years.

JOHN HARVIT, one of the representative self-made men of LaGrange township, is a native of Ohio, born April 26, 1836, in Chester township, Wayne county. He is a son of Joseph and Nancy (Smith) Harvit, farming people, the former of whom died in 1838, leaving a comfortable home. His widow subsequently re-married.

Our subject was educated in the common schools, and during his early manhood was employed as a farm hand, meantime saving his earnings. On November 7, 1865, he was married to Miss Sarah Coleman, born May 30, 1847, in LaGrange township, Lorain Co., Ohio, whom he had met while a resident of Penfield, same county, whither he moved with his step-father, James Brown, who was a well-to-do farmer. Mrs. Harvit was the daughter of James and Harriet Coleman, the former of whom died in 1849, of cholera, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery in Eaton township. Mrs. Coleman was subsequently married to William Ormsby, and continued to reside on her former home; she was buried in the ceme-

tery in LaGrange township. After marriage Mr. Harvit located on the James Coleman homestead, lot No. 30, LaGrange township, where he has always followed farming, in which he has met with encouraging success. He has a natural aptitude for carpenter work. In 1885 he erected one of the most comfortable rural homes in the township on his place, which consists of 278½ acres of excellent land, fully equipped with good farm buildings. Mr. Harvit is a hard worker and a good business manager, and the results of his labor are shown in his surroundings, for his farm and farm buildings are among the best in the township. In party affairs he is a Republican, but is not an active politician. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harvit has come one child, Hattie, born November 28, 1869, now the wife of Don Scwartz, a leading citizen of LaGrange township. (They have one son, Harry, born February 20, 1892). Mrs. Harvit is a member of the M. E. Church at LaGrange.

HON. LUCIUS HERRICK. This gentleman, who is a prominent and well-known figure in the arena of agriculture and politics in Lorain county, is a native of Jefferson county, N. Y., born in Houndsfield, near Watertown, November 8, 1820.

Philo Herrick, father of subject, was born in Tyringham, Berkshire Co., Mass., whence when a boy he, with the rest of the family, moved to Bridgewater, Oneida Co., N. Y., his father, Amasa Herrick, afterward taking them to Houndsfield, same State. Here Philo Herrick made his home till the spring of 1835, when, with his wife, Sophia (Blodgett), and family, he came to Wellington, Lorain Co., Ohio, the journey being made with an old-time "prairie schooner." Here he made a land purchase of 158 acres in Wellington township (which has since passed into the hands of his son Lucius), built a log house, and set to work to transform the wild woods into a fertile farm. The father, who was a tanner and currier, and also a shoemaker, rented a tannery in Huntington township, but soon afterward returned to Wellington. For a time he followed the shoe business in Winnebago county, Ill. He died in Wellington in 1866, a strong Republican in politics, originally a Whig, his first vote being cast for James Monroe; his wife was born September 27, 1788, and died at the age of ninety-eight years less five days. They were the parents of four children: Loring, now a resident of Meckling, Clay Co, S. Dak.; Amasa B., residing in Chicago; Lucius, and George F., a mechanic, who was accidentally killed September 15, 1844, at Janesville, Wisconsin.

Lucius Herrick, the subject proper of this biographical sketch, enjoyed but limited school privileges, but the loss in that he partially compensated for by systematic, diligent home study. In 1839 he entered an academy in Elyria, where he made his home with Deacon Lane, working for his board. His father tried to induce him to take up the trade of shoemaker, but he preferred farming, and consequently made it his life work. In 1843 he married Miss Mary E. Griffith, who bore him one son, Luther G. This wife was called from earth in January, 1844, and in 1849 Mr. Herrick married Miss Harriet E. Bidwell, and one son blessed their union, Bert B., who was educated at the common schools of Wellington and at Oberlin; he is now a farmer and cheese manufacturer; he married Miss Etta Wadsworth, and they have two children: Ethel and Hobart.

Formerly a Whig, now a Republican, Mr. Herrick has ever taken an active interest in public affairs. He served as infirmary director two years, and also as township trustee; was elected county commissioner three full terms consecutively, resigning in order to accept nomination to the Legislature, in which he served in the Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth General As-

Lucius Herrick

semblies; and he says he much enjoyed the variety of being in the House, but that it was the hardest work he ever did in his life. He has in his possession several interesting public documents, and in his library the full series of "Geological Surveys of Ohio," by Newberry. Mr. Herrick is the owner of 435 acres of land, and has seen the gradual evolution in agricultural development from the hand sickle to the self-binding harvesting machine. Mrs. Herrick, with whom he is now living, was Miss Sarah West, only daughter of Francis West, of Berlin, Erie Co., Ohio. The families for three generations at least, have been members and supporters of Presbyterian and Congregational Churches.

E. A. CUYLER, a well-known fruit-grower of Avon township, where he has resided for almost the last half century, is a native of New York State, born in Essex, Essex county, in August, 1822. His parents, John B. and Phœbe (Hoffnagle) Cuyler, were also natives of New York State, where they both passed their entire lives, the father dying in 1838, the mother forty years later, in Essex county. John B. Cuyler was a sergeant in the war of 1812.

E. A. Cuyler, the subject proper of this memoir, was reared in his native county up to the age of twenty-one, receiving his education in the common schools. After coming, in 1843, to Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio, he commenced sailing on the lakes, in which he continued for seventeen seasons, on boats plying between Cleveland and Buffalo, and also Detroit. In an early day he opened up a farm in Sheffield township, Lorain county, where he resided for some years, thence removing to Avon township, where he has since had his home. In 1847 he was married, in Avon township, to Miss Ruth J. Titus, who was born in New York State, daughter of Anson and Hannah (Moore) Titus, natives, respectively, of Massachusetts and Connecticut, and early settlers of Avon township, where they died. To this union were born four children, as follows: Minerva, who was first wedded to Lorenzo Miller, and after his decease to Frank Nesbitt (she had two children by her first husband, Vernon and Carrie, and one by her second husband, Little Elbert, named for his grandfather; she died in 1892); Jane, wife of William J. Curtis, living in Avon township; Sumner, who was drowned when five years old; and Edward, residing on the home farm, who is married and has two children—Lou and Melinda. The wife of E. A. Cuyler died in 1879. In his political connections our subject is an active Republican (casting his first vote for James G. Birney), and has served three terms as trustee of Avon township. In religious faith he is a member of the Episcopal Church, and socially he belongs to King Solomon Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M., Elyria, and to Marshall Chapter No. 47. Mr. Cuyler owns a fertile farm of sixty-two and a half acres in Avon township, and twenty acres of another farm; he has twenty-one acres devoted exclusively to grape-culture.

E. W. PITTS. This gentleman was born February 18, 1833, in Springfield township, Richland Co., Ohio, a son of William and Mary (Buckingham) Pitts.

William Pitts, grandfather of our subject, was a native of England, and when a young man emigrated to America, where he married and reared a family of children, among whom was one son, William. The latter was born April 15, 1803, in Westmoreland county, Penn., was reared to farm life, and had but meager educational advantages. When a youth of fifteen he came west to Ohio, and here passed the remainder of his life, principally engaged in agricultural pursuits. On May 6, 1832,

he was united in marriage, in Mansfield, Ohio, with Miss Mary Buckingham, who was born April 5, 1817, in Harrison county, same State, daughter of Joshua Buckingham (who was born March 28, 1781), and his wife Margaret (Randall) (who was born September 27, 1781, in Baltimore county, Md.).

Gov. Buckingham, of one of the New England States, was a full cousin to Mrs. William Pitts, and consequently second cousin to E. W. Pitts, the subject proper of this sketch. The governor's father was a Methodist minister. On his mother's side E. W. Pitts has six full cousins who are physicians, and two who are lawyers, one of whom, by name William Cantwell, born near Mansfield, Ohio, died a few years ago in San Francisco, Cal. On our subject's father's side there were also many relatives of prominence, noted men in England, holding high positions there, some as "merchant princes."

To Mr. and Mrs. William Pitts were born two children: Ezekiel W., subject of this memoir, and Otis W., a liveryman of Belleville, Ohio. Mr. Pitts was obliged to begin life for himself with practically nothing, and was at first employed in chopping wood, being paid for his work in money, which was then very scarce in the backwoods regions. However, he became a successful farmer, and accumulated a comfortable property. In politics he was a Democrat until Abraham Lincoln's time, after which he remained a member of the Republican party; in religious faith he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, his wife of the Methodist denomination. He passed from earth November 24, 1884, and was followed to the grave by his widow September 18, 1887, and they now rest side by side in Shelby cemetery, Richland county, Ohio.

Ezekiel W. Pitts was reared to the duties of agricultural life, and when but five years of age attended school in his native county, at which time the now thriving city of Shelby could boast of but one store. When he was six years of age his parents moved to Springfield township (Richland county), where he went to school with his mother, who, having had no literary advantages in her early life, availed herself of the present opportunity. Our subject attended school regularly till seventeen years of age, and in 1852 came to the college at Oberlin, Ohio, where he studied nine months, fitting himself for the profession of a teacher. To pay for his tuition at Oberlin he worked on the P. F. W. & C. R. R., for ninety cents a day, and lathed at Oberlin for ten cents an hour. He began teaching in New Haven township, Huron Co., Ohio, in the Miller District, when it contained seventy-five pupils, who met in an old log schoolhouse. The school had been without a teacher for some time, and Mr. Pitts was obliged often to enforce obedience, but he nevertheless was very successful. While attending school at Oberlin Mr. Pitts met Miss Roseltha A. Rowell, who was born July 16, 1837, on the farm her husband now owns, daughter of Levi L. and Laura M. (Matcham) Rowell, and they were married September 26, 1855, in the house where he still resides. Levi L. Rowell was born in Granville, Hampden Co., Mass., a son of Sullivan and Elizabeth (Woolworth) Rowell, and was the first of the family to come to Ohio. He migrated hither from Connecticut in 1832, settling in Pittsfield township, Lorain county, when that section was in truth a "howling wilderness," abounding with wild animals.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Pitts located in Springfield township, Richland Co., Ohio, on a farm of forty acres, costing nine hundred dollars, which amount he borrowed from his neighbors. The house was a rude frame structure, 16 x 24 feet, and containing but two rooms, and here they resided for ten years, when they moved to Pittsfield township, Lorain county, where he had purchased some land. In 1867 they came to their present farm, which at one time comprised 300 acres; but it has been gradually divided among

the children, until now he has but 132 acres, which he calls his own. Mr. Pitts has met with well-merited success in his chosen vocation, and he is one of the leading farmers in the county. His advice on various matters is often sought for by his neighbors, who appreciate his good common-sense and sound judgment, and respect and admire him for his many sterling qualities. To Mr. and Mrs. Pitts have come children, a brief record of whom is as follows: Effie W., who was born in Richland county, Ohio, is the wife of Dr. E. V. B. Buckingham, of Chicago Junction, Ohio; Levi M., who was also born in Richland county, Ohio, was drowned June 23, 1882, when aged twenty-three, being seized with cramps while bathing; Alton J. is a farmer of Pittsfield township; Willis W. is also a farmer of Pittsfield township; Roseltha M. has been a student at Oberlin College; Grant W. is farming in Pittsfield township. In politics Mr. Pitts is a member of the Republican party, and has served as township trustee, in which position he gave universal satisfaction; he is the present school director in his district. Mrs. Pitts is a member of the Methodist Church.

PETER McROBERTS, one of the pioneers of Pittsfield township, was born February 10, 1804, in Springfield, Vt., son of John McRoberts, who was born in Scotland in 1759, and came to America in 1775. He served as a soldier in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution, and received an honorable discharge. He died in 1813, and sleeps in an honored grave in the South cemetery of Whiting, Vt. His wife, Lucy Bradford, was born, in 1761, in Massachusetts, a descendant of the Bradfords of Puritan fame; she died in 1845, and was buried in Centre cemetery of Pittsfield.

Peter's youth and early manhood were spent in farming, lumbering, and driving a mail coach from Castleton to Middlebury, Vt. His education was that of the common school, which at that time to those in his station was limited to a short term in winter. His text books were a Spelling Book, Testament, American Preceptor, for a reader, while Adams' Arithmetic (in which he excelled) completed the outfit.

Peter McRoberts was married December 13, 1828, in Sudbury, Vt., to Eliza Waite, who was born in Shoreham, Vt., August 23, 1803, daughter of Samuel Waite, who died, in 1805, in Shoreham, Vt. Her mother, Elizabeth (Smith) Waite, was born in 1765 in Massachusetts, came to Ohio, and died in Pittsfield in 1835; she was buried on the Josiah Barnard farm, there being no public burying place in the township at that time; some years later her remains were removed to the Centre cemetery of Pittsfield township, and laid by the side of Nahum Clark, a son by her first husband. On October 31, 1831, Peter, with his wife, two babies and sister Cynthia, in a covered wagon drawn by two horses, started from Sudbury, Vt., for Ohio, a journey of seven hundred miles, and at the end of six weeks they found themselves in Madison township, Richland county, where Mrs. McRoberts had two sisters living—Mrs. William Stewart and Mrs. Horatio Harmon. On January 14, 1832, he contracted with George Mann, of Sullivan township, for the purchase of the whole of Lot 4 and the north half of Lot 17, in Pittsfield township, at two dollars and a half per acre, two hundred and fifteen dollars in hand paid, the balance in three annual payments in neat stock or wheat; and in March, same year, the family moved hither, living with a neighbor by the name of Beam until a log house could be built. They moved in as soon as the roof was on, the earth serving for a floor, and a blanket for a door. They were the twelfth family in Pittsfield township. Mr. McRoberts cleared a part of this farm, and in 1834

sold it to Josiah Barnard. He then purchased Lot No. 18, cleared a large part of it, and built a frame house and barn. But his ambition exceeded his endurance, and his health failing he gave up farming for merchandising, moving to Wellington village in 1837. For a time he did business where Benedict's hardware store now stands, in a building owned by John S. Reed, later moving his establishment to where the postoffice now is, in a building formerly occupied by R. H. Foot. He built and operated an ashery for manufacturing pearlash (crude soda, a product of wood ashes), and continued in business till 1843, when he sold out to Mathew Allen, and came back to his farm in Pittsfield township, on which he made many improvements.

Politically Mr. McRoberts was a Whig, and he took great interest in public affairs, helping to organize the County Agricultural Society; he also took an active part in building the Congregational Church, and though not a member was one of the trustees of the Society. He held the offices of real-estate assessor, justice of the peace, and township trustee; having some knowledge of law he could tell what he knew, and advocated many cases before justices of the peace, being generally successful. He died in 1847, and was buried in the Centre cemetery of Pittsfield township; his wife, now in her ninety-first year, has lived continuously in the same house for more than half a century, the sole survivor of all the residents of Pittsfield township that had attained their majority when she came here sixty-two years ago. As wife, mother and neighbor she has nobly sustained her part in the trials and hardships of pioneer life, and the rearing of a large family; and now, with her mother love undimmed (children and grandchildren supplying her wants), with a faith that never faltered, her life shadow lengthening near the night, she awaits the coming dawn of a life eternal in Heaven. Her children, seven in number, were all sons, to wit: Henry, born October 31, 1829, in Hubbardton, Rutland Co., Vt., lives on the home farm, sketch of whom follows; Albert, born August 9, 1831, in Sudbury, Rutland Co., Vt., is a farmer of Pittsfield township (he draws a pension for disability incurred in the service of the United States while acting as first lieutenant in the Forty-first Regiment O. V. I.); Pitt, born December 22, 1834, in Pittsfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, is a well-to-do farmer of that township, living within fifty rods of where he was born; Charles, born December 25, 1838, in Wellington, Lorain county, who served two years in Battery E, First Regiment Ohio Artillery, was killed at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1872, while a freight conductor on the L. S. & M. S. R. R. (he was buried in the Centre cemetery of Pittsfield); Volney, born May 12, 1841, in Wellington, Ohio, a sketch of whom follows; Erwin, born February 14, 1844, in Pittsfield, enlisted in the Eighty-seventh Regiment O. V. I., for three months, was captured at Harper's Ferry, was paroled and came home, being discharged at Delaware, Ohio (he re-enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Regiment O. V. I., and served to the end of the war; he was killed at Toledo, Ohio, in 1870, while a freight conductor on the L. S. & M. S. R. R., and was buried in the Centre cemetery, Pittsfield, by Oberlin Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he was a member); and Arthur, born September 29, 1846, in Pittsfield township, where he now resides, and carries on farming (socially he is a member of Oberlin Lodge, I. O. O. F.).

HENRY McROBERTS, a well-known resident of Pittsfield township, was born October 31, 1829, in Vermont, and came to Pittsfield township with his parents in 1832. His education was that of the common schools, and he lived with his parents and an uncle

by the name of Hall till his eighteenth year. He then went to Elyria, in the employ of Baldwin, Starr & Co., dealers in general merchandise, as a salesman, remaining there two years, and thence going to Chicago, where he was in the employ of William Blair & Co., hardware merchants, at No. 176 Lake St., as salesman, for three years. During that time he cast his first vote at a municipal election. He saw the first train of cars go out of the city. In 1852 he came back to Pittsfield, and has lived on the same farm forty-one years, as a farmer, dealer in fine-wool sheep, and patent rights; he also operates a stone quarry, and is a contractor for stone work. In politics a Republican, he has held the offices of President of the Board of Education, Township Trustee and Assessor, and is serving his fourth term as Justice of the Peace. During the war of the Rebellion he was one of the "Squirrel Hunters."

On April 19, 1860, Mr. McRoberts was married to Harriet Pomeroy, who was born November 2, 1834, in Newfane, Windham Co., Vt., daughter of John M. and Clarissa (Gale) Pomeroy; the parents came to Ohio in 1839, and first located in Sullivan township (then in Lorain county), whence they finally moved to Pittsfield township, where they settled. To Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts have come the following named children: Luella P., Philip L., William S., Metta G., Erwin R., Ola E. and H. Blain, all born in the same house in Pittsfield township, and all living. Mr. McRoberts is a member of the F. & A. M., and is well-known in the community where he resides.

VOLNEY McROBERTS, an influential citizen of Pittsfield township, was born May 12, 1841, in Wellington, Lorain Co., Ohio, fifth in a family of seven sons born to Peter and Eliza (Waite) McRoberts. In 1843 he came with his parents to the farm in Pittsfield township, where he first attended school, his first teacher being one William Horton.

After the death of his father our subject went to live with an uncle, Orlando Hall. He received his primary education at the common schools, and later took a two years' course at Oberlin College. Returning to the home of his uncle he remained there until July, 1862, when he enlisted, at Cleveland, in the First Ohio Battery, which was sent to Kentucky and stationed on the Green river, along the L. & N. Railroad, whence they were driven back by Bragg. Mr. McRoberts, along with a number of others, being taken sick near Louisville, he was discharged in the fall of 1862, and returned to Pittsfield, Ohio.

On August 18, 1863, he was married to Miss Celia Pomeroy, a native of Pittsfield township, daughter of John Pomeroy, and to this union were born four children, namely: Walter V., foreman in a stone sawmill at Bedford, Lawrence Co., Ind.; Cora E., Mrs. Charles Reynolds, of Sheffield, Ohio; Lena M., wife of C. C. Carter, a farmer of Pittsfield township; and Pitt E., attending the business college at Oberlin. On February 15, 1875, the mother of these children passed from earth, and was buried in Pittsfield cemetery. On April 3, 1877, he married, for his second wife, Amelia Johnson, of Penfield, Ohio, who was born September 29, 1850, in Wellington township, daughter of Collins and Eliza (Gaylord) Johnson, who came here in an early day from Jefferson county, N. Y. To this marriage have come two children, Celia F. and Helen I., both living at home. After marriage Mr. McRoberts settled on Lot 21, in Pittsfield township, where he has since resided, principally engaged in agriculture, in which he has met with no small degree of success. His farm is an excellent one, and now comprises 137 acres of fine land. This tract contains a stone quarry, which he operated for seventeen years, and he has done con-

siderable work for the county, giving his chief attention to bridge-building, stonework, etc., all of which he has executed in a most creditable manner. Politically he is a leading member of the Republican party, and has served his township in various official capacities; he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. Socially he is a member of Oberlin Lodge No. 380, F. & A. M.

HENRY H. WEEKS, a prominent resident of Camden township, is a native of New York City, born March 10, 1831, a son of Thomas T. and Mary (Hoag) Weeks, the former of whom was born in Yorktown, Westchester Co., N. Y., in 1798, a son of Benjamin K. Weeks, who was born in 1773, a son of James Weeks.

Thomas T. Weeks received a fair education at the schools of his native place, and being naturally bright was a clever student and an apt scholar. He was reared on a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits until 1825, when he moved to the city of New York, and there followed the business of draying (at that time a lucrative occupation) for a large wholesale firm, until 1837, in which year he removed with his family to Ohio by river, canal and lake via Buffalo, the voyage from the latter place being made on the "Daniel Webster," the first boat to pass through the ice that spring—then the middle of May. Prior to this he had visited Ohio (in 1833 and 1835) and bought 320 acres of land in the extreme southeastern part of Florence township, Erie county, a part of which was cleared, with a log house and barn and a small orchard thereon. He lived here thirty-four years. In 1871 he sold this farm and bought another two miles farther west, on which he lived in the family of his son, Henry, eleven years.

Thomas T. Weeks was twice married: first to Miss Mary Hoag, who was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., in 1796, daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Matthews) Hoag, and the children by this marriage were: Sarah, now widow of James Daley, of Wakeman, Ohio; Lydia M., wife of Edgar Wright, a wholesale grocer of New York City; Elizabeth, who died in 1878, and Henry H. The mother of these died in New York in 1833, and in 1836 Mr. Weeks married Mrs. Freelove Fowler, *nee* Thorn, widow of Henry Fowler. The children of this marriage were: Theodore, who died in infancy; John F., now living at Clyde, Ohio; Benjamin K., a farmer, who died in Oberlin in 1879; James, who died in infancy; Martha J. and Marietta, of Oberlin, Ohio; and Emma, of Springfield, Mass. The mother of these died in Florence in 1866. Mr. Weeks died March 8, 1885, at the home of his daughters in Oberlin, where he had been temporarily sojourning. He was a man of strong convictions, fearless and outspoken, a successful farmer and good business man, self-made, and highly respected. In politics he was a Democrat until 1856, when he became a Republican, and ever after took a deep interest in the success of the principles of that party.

Henry H. Weeks, the subject proper of this memoir, attended the public schools of the county of his adoption, and also one term at a select school at Birmingham, Erie county. He remained with his father until his marriage in 1855, teaching school, however, during several winters in Florence, Vermillion and Wakeman townships. Soon after his marriage he moved into a log house on a small farm which he owned in Henrietta township, Lorain county, where he lived until 1858, when he removed with his family to Findlay, Ohio, where he carried on a grocery and provision business. In 1861 he returned to Florence, and in company with his brother, Benjamin, carried on the home farm four years. The next three years he lived in the city of New York. Returning from there in 1868 he took charge of his father's farm, on which he and his

family lived until the spring of 1883, when he purchased and moved onto the farm where he now resides in Camden township, Lorain county, about one mile west of Kipton.

Mr. Weeks has been twice married: first time November 15, 1855, to Miss Cora L. Van Camp, of Quincy, Mich., and, second, October 14, 1872, to Mrs. Louise J. Shaffer, widow of George Shaffer, a member of the One Hundred and First Regiment O. V. I., who died of smallpox at Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1863. She was born at Birmingham, Erie county, March 13, 1841, a daughter of Thomas Hazard, a native of the city of New York. By the first marriage were born two children: Frank E., now a practicing physician in Clarksfield, Huron county, and Charles H., who was accidentally killed at the age of ten years. Politically our subject is a Republican, has held several township offices, and is now serving his tenth year as township trustee.

From genealogical records in his possession Mr. Weeks traces his lineage back to Anneke Jans-Bogardus, a native of Holland, who with her husband, Roelof Jans, came to New Amsterdam (now New York) in 1630, and who at her death left landed property there which has since become very valuable, and is now in the possession of Trinity Church. The immediate ancestors of our subject were Friends, or Quakers, and he is by birthright a member of that Society, but in belief is bound by no religious creed.

THOMAS FOLGER, a leading grape grower in this section of Ohio, and manager of the grape syndicate that controls the sale of grapes grown in the Lake Erie district, is a native of Medina county, Ohio, born February 14, 1842. He is a son of H. G. and E. A. (Ingersoll) Folger, the former of whom died November 26, 1883; the mother is yet living, and is making her home with her son Thomas.

Thomas Folger, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born on the island of Nantucket, Mass., where his ancestors had settled, one of whom was many years ago one of the seven proprietors of that island. Grandfather Folger was a whaler, owning an interest in several whaling ships; and when the English Government passed a law granting a bounty on whale-oil products, he removed to London, England, in order to come under the provisions of said law, expecting good financial returns. He there married, and in the city of London our subject's father was born. After the rescinding, by the English Government, of the whale-oil bounty Act, Thomas Folger returned to Nantucket, taking his family with him. C. J. Folger, the prominent American politician, who was U. S. Sub-Treasurer under Grant, also Secretary of the Treasury under Arthur, and held many other high offices of trust in the U. S. Government, is an uncle of our subject.

Thomas Folger received his education in part at the public schools, and in part at the Western Reserve College. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted, in August, 1861, in Company H, Twenty-fifth O. V. I., and was mustered out of the service in July, 1865. His regiment, which was first assigned to the army of the Potomac, participated in the battles of Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Cedar Mountain and several minor engagements. It was then transferred to the army of the Southwest, under Sherman, was in the celebrated march to the sea, and after its return homeward took part in the Grand Review at Washington. Mr. Folger was promoted from the ranks to lieutenant and adjutant, and brevet captain. On his return to the pursuits of peace, he took up his residence in Cleveland, Ohio, where he embarked in the produce and commission business, which he carried on for some five

or six years, subsequently becoming a wholesale commission merchant. About the year 1878 he abandoned this business for grape culture, a line of industry for which he has a special liking, and to which he has since given much thought and attention. He now owns and operates a vineyard covering some forty acres, and is one of the leading organizers of a syndicate whose object is the marketing of grapes grown in this part of the country, Mr. Folger being manager of same. He attends to the details of shipment, as well as the finding of suitable markets, and, in fact, controls the entire business of the corporation. He is also a stockholder and director in the Lorain Banking Company.

Mr. Folger was united in marriage, May 2, 1867, with Miss Della Beswick, and four children have been born to them: Anna B., Josephine D., Jennie P., and Ida A., who died at the age of eight years. Politically he is a Democrat, and has been a member of the city council of Elyria (of which place he is a resident). He is a F. & A. M., a member of the Chapter, and is a member of the G. A. R. A man of marked business faculties, Mr. Folger is a potent factor in all movements tending to the advancement and prosperity of the county of his adoption.

SIDNEY SARDUS WARNER. This gentleman, prominent in the banking, manufacturing and farming interests of Lorain county, comes of English ancestry, who left the Mother Country many years ago for America, making a settlement in New England.

Mr. Warner was born in Suffield, Conn., April 17, 1829, and in 1832 was brought by his parents to Mantua, Portage Co., Ohio, thence in 1839 to Huntington, Lorain county. There he made his home until he moved in 1868, to Wellington, where he has since resided. His father, Chauncey Warner, born in Suffield, Conn., in 1790, was a man of culture, high mental attainments and irreproachable character. He married Miss Eliza Kent, who was born in his native town in 1792, a lady of pronounced intellectual force, undimmed even in her old age, and a devoted worker in every cause tending to the advancement and enlightenment of the human race. They both attained patriarchal ages, the father dying at ninety-two, the mother at ninety-seven years. With such intellectual, hale and stanch parentage, it is not to be wondered at that at an early age, ere he had quite reached the close of the first decade of his life, the son should begin to develop that spirit of determination and enterprise that has since characterized his many and various undertakings, and elevated him to the pinnacle of success.

When thirty-two years old, Mr. Warner was elected to represent Lorain county in the General Assembly of Ohio, on the "Union ticket;" was reëlected in 1863, and has ever since been a Republican. His career as Representative was marked by his accuracy of judgment and political sagacity, and his fearless discharge of duty to his constituency and the State at large; and as a proof, if proof were indeed needed, of the esteem and respect in which he was held by the people, we find him elected State Treasurer on the Republican ticket in 1865, again in 1867, and yet again in 1869, serving three consecutive terms. Mr. Warner's administration was characterized by the highest efficiency and the most scrupulous honesty. After serving four years as trustee of Cleveland Hospital for the Insane, he was reappointed to the same position, by Gov. Foster, for a term of five years, during which time he filled the office of president of the board. Soon after his re-appointment, however, he resigned, in 1880, to head the Republican ticket as elector-at-large, but was, after the election of Garfield, again, December 31, same year, re-appointed to that trust, to preside at the board from which he had recently resigned. Mr. Warner's political

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career has been marked, at every step, by persistent energy, strict integrity and a high sense of justice. In 1874 he was a prominent candidate for Governor of Ohio, and would probably have been nominated had not the question of U. S. senatorship entered the convention as a potent factor. As a candidate for Congress in the Fourteenth Congressional District, he secured, for 595 successive ballots, more votes than any other candidate in the convention. He withdrew, however, in the interest of harmony—naming a new candidate who was nominated the first ballot thereafter. Mr. Warner has, indeed, been highly honored by his State; and it can be said, without suspicion of flattery, that he has well merited every honor he has received.

Mr. Warner's business enterprises, while numerous and varied, have been successful and prosperous. He was one of the prime movers in the organization of the First National Bank of Wellington, in 1864, and has been its president since, a period of about thirty years. Since 1869 he has been a member of one of the largest cheese firms in the State of Ohio, widely known all over the country under the name of Horr, Warner & Co. During its existence, he was president of the Citizens Mutual Relief Association. In 1881 he was chosen president of the Clarksfield Stone Company; in 1883 he assisted in organizing the Cleveland National Bank, of which he has been the only president. He is a member of the agricultural firm of Wean, Horr, Warner & Co., and is extensively engaged in the breeding of fine blooded horses.

In 1851 Mr. Warner married Miss Margaret Anna Bradner, of Huntington, Lorain county, a woman of the same sturdy New England stock, whose ability and good judgment have supplemented the endeavors of her husband, and whose accomplishments have kept pace with his career. Four children have been born to this union, as follows: Orrie Louisa, Sidney Kent, Albert Rollin and George Bradner, the youngest two being graduates of Cornell University, the daughter of Oberlin College.

Surrounded by his interesting, intelligent family, Mr. Warner is a thoughtful, devoted husband, and a kind, indulgent father. Among men he is genial and companionable; manly and fearlessly independent in character and thought; consistent and temperate in all respects. His social standing is high, his integrity incorruptible. A true and loyal friend, a man of taste and culture—with broad and liberal views—Mr. Warner is a man, all in all, of large body, soul and mind.

SAMUEL S. ROCKWOOD, assistant cashier of The Savings Deposit Bank Co., Elyria, is a native of that town, born October 6, 1861. His education was received in the public schools of Elyria, and he graduated from the High School in the class of 1880. In 1882 he entered into the employ of the Savings Deposit Bank as assistant bookkeeper, from which position he has been promoted step by step to the assistant cashiership, to which incumbency he was appointed in 1892, and is at present filling with characteristic ability and fidelity. In 1886 Mr. Rockwood was married to Miss Ella L. Garford, and one child, named Gertrude L., has come to brighten their home.

Our subject in his political sympathies is a Republican; socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum and National Union, and both he and his wife are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The parents of the subject of our sketch, Augustus F. and Diantha (Spencer) Rockwood, were children of pioneers of the county, born, reared and educated there. The father, who was by trade a carpenter and joiner, died in 1874 from diseases contracted during a three years' service for the Union in the war of the Rebellion. They were the parents of three

children: Samuel S., the subject of our sketch; Angeline S., wife of J. A. Reublin, and Mary D., wife of W. G. Watts, Wellington, Ohio.

Henry S. Rockwood, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was one of the pioneers of the county, having spent most of the years of a long life within its bounds. He was for some time county recorder, and is still living hale and hearty, having passed his eighty-second birthday. He came of long-lived stock, his own father having lived and died in the county at the advanced age of one hundred years. Eliel C. Spencer, the maternal grandfather of the subject of our sketch, came to Lorain county when a mere boy. He endured all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and died at the age of eighty-two. He was an indefatigable worker, and of him it is said: "He hewed more miles of public highway through the virgin forest in the towns of Pittsfield and LaGrange than any other man in those parts."

F. A. AVERY, editor and proprietor of the North Amherst *Argus*, is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, born January 6, 1872, in Henrietta township. He is a son of A. P. and Lucinda (Wheeler) Avery, the former of whom was born, in 1832, in Massachusetts, came west and located in Wellington, Ohio, where he married Miss Lucinda Wheeler, of LaGrange township, Lorain county.

The subject of these lines left his home at the age of fourteen years, and from that time made his own way in the world. He received his education at the common schools, also at the Wellington high school, and took a miscellaneous literary course at the Normal College of Valparaiso, Ind. In Antwerp, Ohio, he learned the printing trade, and after serving his apprenticeship came to North Amherst, where for a year and a half he was manager and local editor of the *Reporter*. In the fall of 1891 he severed his connection with that paper and worked as a "jour" compositor on various leading newspapers in the East and West until October, 1892, at which time he established the *Argus*, a clean, bright, newsy journal which is bound to make its mark under the facile pen of its experienced though yet youthful editor. It is a paper free and untrammeled, being open to all parties, influenced by none, and neutral in politics.

O. K. STARR, farmer and extensive landowner, and oldest resident of Penfield township, is a son of William Starr, who was born October 3, 17—, near Danbury, Conn., son of Eleazer and Rebecca (Clapp) Starr.

William Starr was reared to farm life, and when a young man removed with his parents to Harpersfield, Delaware Co., N. Y., where he was united in marriage, in 1816, with Miss Ada Beardsley. She was born April 18, 1795, near Danbury, Conn., daughter of Gaylord and Charlotte (Bass) Beardsley, who also moved from Connecticut to Delaware county, N. Y. Here William and Ada Starr had children as follows: A son that died in infancy unnamed; Axey E., born September 20, 1818, who married Abel Dougherty, and died in Penfield, Ohio; Polly Ann, born February 29, 1820, now the widow of Jacob Smith, residing with her children in Erie county, Penn.; Clarinda E., born November 11, 1822, who married for her first husband Dr. William Jeffries, and for her second Charles Shepard (she died October 5, 1885, at Adrian, Mich.); Orline R., born January 20, 1826, now the widow of J. W. Hamilton, who died October 11, 1877 (she lives in Wellington, Ohio); Jane M., born April 1, 1827, of Wellington, Ohio; Ada L., who died when three months old; and George W., born March 20, 1831, who died June 8, 1878, at Penfield, Ohio. After coming to Ohio they had two more children—Orrin K., sub-

ject of this sketch, and Gideon R., a farmer and retired merchant of Warren township, Warren Co., Penn. In 1831 the family came by canal and lake to Ohio, the hired man driving the team to Buffalo, N. Y., from which place they came on the boat "William Penn" to Cleveland, the trip occupying three days and two nights. During this journey a terrible storm arose on the lake, the ship being twice driven to the Canadian shore. From Cleveland they drove with a team to Medina, where Mathew L. Hamilton, a brother-in-law of Mr. Starr, resided, and here remained two weeks, when they removed to Penfield township, Lorain county; at this time there was no bridge there across the Black river, and Mrs. Starr crossed it on a foot-log, carrying her infant son George. They located on land a short distance west of the center of the township, which Mr. Starr purchased from Amzi Penfield, and made a permanent home on this farm, which still remains in the possession of the family, being now owned by the subject of this sketch. When William Starr came to Ohio his means were somewhat limited, and he was obliged to go into debt for his farm, only a few acres of which were then cleared, and which contained a log house, but no barn. Wild animals abounded. Improvements were begun at once, and here he continued to follow farming the rest of his life, and amassed a comfortable competence. Politically he was a Democrat until the time of William H. Harrison, when he joined the Republican party, with which he affiliated the rest of his days. He died in April, 1864, preceded by his wife May 28, 1856, and both are buried in Penfield cemetery. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Penfield.

O. K. Starr was born December 3, 1833, in Penfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, on the farm he now owns. He was reared to agricultural life, and obtained his education in the common schools of the day, receiving his first literary instruction under Jiles Palmer. After his seventeenth year he worked away from home, receiving eight dollars per month; later was employed three years by Hiram Smith; in 1855 went to Adair county, Iowa, and while there took up land which has since remained in the family. In 1857 he was married, in Penfield, to Miss Matilda Wager, who died a few years later, leaving one child, Ida, now Mrs. Edwin Norton, of Grand Rapids, Mich. For his second wife our subject was married, February 28, 1863, to Miss Mary E. Blanchard, who was born in 1840 in Palenville, Greene Co., N. Y. (among the Catskills), daughter of J. H. and Jane Parmelia (Myers) Blanchard, who came to Penfield township in 1850 from Morrow county, Ohio, whither they had migrated from New York. In company with his brother George Mr. Starr bought out the other heirs of the old home farm, and here he made his home until 1888, when he removed to his present farm. To his second marriage have been born two children, namely: Justice M. (a merchant of Penfield) and Alena R. (wife of Fred Andrews, a farmer of Penfield). Mr. Starr has dealt in stock, and has bought and sold wool, meeting in all his enterprises with no small degree of success. He now owns 213 acres of excellent land. In his political predilections he is a stanch member of the Republican party, and has served as township treasurer for some years. Mrs. Starr is a member of the M. E. Church.

JOHN AUSTIN CHAPMAN (deceased), for many years a prosperous farmer and dairyman in Huntington township, was born in Montgomery, Mass., April 7, 1817.

Isaac Chapman, paternal grandfather of John Austin Chapman, was a native of Connecticut, born in the town of Groton, December 18, 1740. His wife, Mary, was born July 13, 1742, in Plymouth, Mass.,

and died May 25, 1806, the mother of nine children, all born in Groton, as follows: Content, Susanna, Isaac, Mary, Abner, Elisha, Nathan, Bradford and Sarah. John Fisher, maternal grandfather of John Austin Chapman, was born May 22, 1751, and his wife, Muriel, on November 15, 1741. Of their children, William, Olive (John A. Chapman's mother), George, Hulda and Henry all lived in Vermont.

Abner Chapman, father of subject, was a native of Connecticut, born June 20, 1772. He worked on the farm of John Fisher, in Vermont, whose daughter, Olive, he married January 19, 1796, at Vergennes, same State; she was born November 20, 1778. All their children, thirteen in number, were born in Massachusetts, and the following is a brief record of the majority of them: Luther, born in 1798, died at the age of eighty-six in Geauga county, Ohio, where he had settled; Calvin, born November 24, 1800, was married, and died in Boston, Mass., June 1, 1857; Achsah (1) died in infancy; following these come Olive, Achsah (2), Laura, Abner, William, Eunice, Hulda A., John Austin (subject of sketch) and Emeline (wife of Edward West), of Wellington, Ohio, all of whom grew to maturity excepting two. In 1833 the family came from Montgomery, Mass., to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in Huntington township. Luther, the eldest, came west before his parents and the rest of the family, walking the entire distance to Geauga county, Ohio, where he settled, as already related. The father died January 29, 1851, the mother on February 25, 1854.

The subject of this sketch was married November 6, 1844, in Huntington township, Lorain county, to Miss Isabel Lindsey, born December 15, 1824, in Chester, Mass., a daughter of John and Susan (King) Lindsey, the former of whom was born in Massachusetts (it is believed) November 15, 1803. In 1836 Mr. Lindsey came to Lorain county, Ohio, settling on a farm in Huntington township. He served as deputy under Sheriff Gates, of Lorain county, and was one of the posse of detectives who hunted down the counterfeiters several years ago, bringing back in custody several of them from beyond the Mississippi river. His wife was born July 7, 1801, in County Armagh, Ireland, and died June 2, 1845, after which Mr. Lindsey removed east, but after a time again came west, for a couple of years sojourning in Illinois, where he had business, and where he died in September, 1852. In his political predilections he was a strong Douglas Democrat. To Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey there were born six children, viz.: Isabel, born December 12, 1824, widow of John A. Chapman; William K., born May 18, 1826, died young; Esther, born May 25, 1828; John G., born April 18, 1831, living in Allegan, Mich.; Margaret, born June 6, 1835; and William H., born September 28, 1839, living in Michigan, all born in Massachusetts except the youngest, who is an Ohioan. Grandfather William Lindsey, who lived in Chester, Mass., was descended from Scotch ancestry, the Chapmans being of English descent. Mrs. Chapman's maternal grandmother, Margaret Morton, married William King. Her (Mrs. Chapman's) paternal grandmother was Jane Hubble, a native of Connecticut, who had two brothers known to Mrs. Chapman, named respectively Edward and Silas; she was twice married: first to John Lindsey and then to William Lindsey.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. John Austin Chapman settled in Huntington township, Lorain county, on the Chapman homestead, taking care of his parents in their declining years. In 1876 they came to the town of Wellington, where they built the elegant and commodious residence still occupied by Mrs. Chapman. Here he died May 22, 1891, leaving a comfortable competence, the accumulation of years of honest toil and careful thrift. Prior to the Civil war he was an Old-time Democrat, but became, at the breaking out of

that struggle, a stanch Republican, remaining in the ranks of that party till the day of his death. Their home was brightened by the birth of three children, of whom the following is a brief record: Oren P., born October 30, 1845, married Miss Ella Perkins, and has two children, Mary Isabel and Robert A.; John Lindsey, born July 31, 1852, married Mabel Noney, and has three children: William Austin, Grace and Olive; and Josephine, married to Edward Van Cleaf, has two sons: Frank Chapman and Winferd K.

GEORGE M. HARRIS, M. D. This gentleman, who has successfully practiced his profession for some sixteen years in Lorain, comes of an old pioneer family of Lorain county.

He was born in North Amherst, Ohio, in 1854, a son of Milo and Mary J. (Tyrrell) Harris, natives of Ohio and Massachusetts, respectively. The father is a prominent man in Lorain county, toward the growth and advancement of which he has materially contributed. In 1861 he was elected sheriff of the county, serving eighteen months; was also a justice of the peace for many years in Amherst and Black River townships. He was twice married: first time, in 1843, to Miss Caroline Stocking, of Lorain county, by which union there was one child, Florence (widow of Hiram Leslie), now living in California. Mrs. Caroline Harris died in 1852, and Mr. Harris subsequently married Miss Mary Tyrrell, daughter of Homer and Mary F. Tyrrell (both now deceased), all natives of Massachusetts. By this marriage there were five children, of whom the following is a brief record: George M. is the subject of this sketch; Albert T. is a physician in Howard, Kans.; Lucia M. is the wife of George M. Parker, of North Amherst; Homer J. died at the age of sixteen years; Carrie F. died at the age of three years.

Josiah Harris, grandfather of subject, was born November 30, 1783, in Becket, Berkshire Co., Mass., and died March 26, 1867, aged eighty-four years. In 1818 he came on foot from Massachusetts to Lorain county, where he had previously purchased land in what is now Amherst township. He was a member of the Ohio Legislature, and to attend to his duties there, at Columbus, he used to ride on horseback through a comparatively wild country. He served as postmaster (under appointment of Postmaster-General Meigs) over forty years continuously, excepting when in the Legislature.

George M. Harris received his primary education at the common schools of North Amherst, after which, in 1875, he entered the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, where he graduated with the class of 1877, in which year he located in Lorain, a town then of but some 1,500 inhabitants, and where he has since resided. In May, 1881, the Doctor was united in marriage, in Uhrichsville, Ohio, with Miss Dorrell M. Leggett, a native of Uhrichsville, and to this union has been born one child, Florence. In politics Dr. Harris is a Republican, and he has served as a member of the town council. Socially he is a member of the K. O. T. M.

JOHN CURREY, a successful well-to-do merchant, and well known as one of the stanch business men of Rochester, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Chester county February 10, 1823.

William Currey, father of subject, by trade a wagon maker and wheelwright, was of the same locality by birth, as was also his wife, Rachel (Rickard). They were the parents of children as follows: Jonathan, who died in Troy, Ashland Co., Ohio; Ann, who married Thomas Wood, and died in Ashland county; Isaac, deceased in Ashland county; Harriet, who died in Pennsylvania when young; John,

subject of sketch; Hannah, Mrs. James Walker, of Troy, Ohio; William, of Ashland county; Matthew, a resident of the State of Washington; and Angeline, who died young. In 1837 the family came to Ohio, the journey to Columbus, their destination, being made by wagon, and their route the National Pike. In Columbus the father died, in August, 1837, and his widow about three months afterward moved to Greenwich township, Huron county, where she and the family rented land, on which they lived five years. In 1842 they moved to Troy, Ashland county, where they bought fifty acres of wild land at six dollars per acre. Here the mother died in 1854, her remains being laid to rest in Beckley cemetery, Rochester township.

John Currey, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education at the schools of his native place, and was fourteen years old when the family came to Ohio, where he had to lay his hand to the axe to assist in the hewing out of a new home for the family. In 1866 he moved from Troy township, Ashland county, to Rochester, Lorain county, where he entered mercantile life, having since successfully conducted his general store, in connection with which he is interested in a hotel business, and buys and sells farm products. He owns in Troy township, Ashland county, 312 acres of excellent farming land.

Mr. Currey has been twice married, first time in 1854 to Miss Almira Carrier, who was born in Ashland county, Ohio, and shortly thereafter they moved to Iowa City, where he was employed as clerk in the hardware store of Hart, Love & Co., which was not his first experience in that line, having already been in business for himself in Troy, Ohio. While in Iowa City his wife died, and about three months later he returned to Troy. In 1856, for his second helpmeet, Mr. Currey wedded Miss Matilda Wicks, a native of New York, born of English parentage. By this marriage came children whose record is as follows: Rachel, now Mrs. Adelbert Mitchell, of Rochester; Jane, Mrs. Charles Beardsley, of Rochester; Emeline, Mrs. George Smith, of Brighton township; Charles, of Troy, Ohio; Hattie, Mrs. Dwight Mann, of Rochester; and Nellie, residing at home. Politically our subject is a stanch Republican, and has held various township offices, including that of treasurer six years. Both he and his wife are exemplary members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Currey is a man of good judgment and sound common sense, and his advice, where truly needed, is frequently sought for and found valuable.

THADDEUS W. FANCHER, postmaster at Lorain, was born February 25, 1839, in Greenwich, Huron Co., Ohio, where he was reared and educated.

At the age of twenty-four he removed to central Michigan, where he resided about ten years, or until 1873, when he came to Lorain, Ohio, and there followed contracting and building some five or six years. At the end of that time he bought an interest in a hardware business, having as a partner a Mr. Edison, and this he continued in until his appointment, in 1880, as postmaster at Lorain. At the end of seven years' well-merited popularity in this office he was deposed by the incoming Cleveland administration, but received reappointment on the accession of Harrison to the Presidency, in 1890. He has also served in various municipal offices, such as member of council and mayor, besides as a justice of the peace for several years.

In 1862 Mr. Fancher was united in marriage, in Greenwich, Huron Co., Ohio, with Miss Ermina Griffin, of the same place, daughter of Riley and Philena Griffin, the former of whom was born in 1812 in Greene county, N. Y.; his wife, Philena (Washburn), was born in Ulster

county, N. Y., in 1817, and died in 1862. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fancher: Elvadore R. and Millicent A. Our subject has been a Freemason since the age of twenty-one. He is a son of William and Mary (Vanscoy) Fancher, the former of whom was born in 1811 in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., whence in 1819 he came to Greenwich, Huron Co., Ohio, and died in 1887, at Camden, Mich., at the age of seventy-six years. Our subject's mother was a native of Geauga county, Ohio.

G. C. WEEKS, whose industry and thrift have united in placing him in the front rank of Lorain county's many prosperous agriculturists, is the owner of a highly-improved farm of seventy-seven acres in Rochester township.

He is the third son of German Weeks, who was born in the State of New York March 13, 1804; was united in marriage January 7, 1830, with Jane S., daughter of Christina and Peter Thompson. She was born April 17, 1809. To Mr. and Mrs. Weeks were born thirteen children, all of whom are now living except the third child, who died in infancy. They are as follows: Matilda, Schuyler, George, Christina, Peter T., Andrew, John, Mary E., Martha A., Eliza J., Harriet L. and La Rue. Five of these accompanied the parents to Ohio in 1840, locating first in Rochester, Ohio, and two years later moving two miles south to Troy, Ashland county. Here he bought and cleared up a farm of one hundred acres, and here he lived until his death, which occurred June 25, 1886, a period of more than forty years. His faithful and beloved wife departed this life November 29, 1882, greatly mourned by her husband and children.

G. C. Weeks was born September 10, 1835, and received a fairly liberal education at the schools of his native place. At the age of fourteen he left the paternal home, and worked out at what he could find to do on neighboring farms. At the end of seven years he returned to his parents, and with filial affection assisted and cared for them until he was thirty years old, at which time he bought for his own account fifty acres of land at forty dollars per acre. Directly after his marriage he added to this purchase twenty other acres adjoining, and, still later, seven more, which in the aggregate comprise his present fine farm.

During the Civil war Mr. Weeks enlisted, in February, 1865, in Company F, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Regiment O. V. I., serving one year. Returning home January 31, 1866, he married, May 31, same year, Miss Mary B. Ford, born in Clear Creek township, Ashland Co., Ohio, February 9, 1846, a daughter of Elias Ford, one of the pioneers of Ashland county. Politically Mr. Weeks is a Republican, and in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Troy, in which they take an active interest.

WARREN. The Warren family is one of the oldest in Wellington township, and is descended from a long line of New England ancestry.

The earliest records of the family mention one Warren, born about 1650, who was the father of Joshua Warren, of Watertown, Mass. Joshua married Rebecah, daughter of Caleb Church, also of Watertown. The next in line was Joshua, Jr., who married Elizabeth Harris, of Brookline. He was followed by Benjamin Warren, born in Watertown, November 30, 1728; his wife was Hannah Lewis, and he was a Revolutionary soldier.

Benjamin Warren, Jr., was born April 19, 1772, and married Lucy Burr, of Norfolk, Conn. He brought his family to

Wellington in 1831. Their children were: Polly, Harriett, Betsey, Alanson and Luther Day. The latter was born March 2, 1813, and married Laura Wait, who was born in Fredonia, N. Y., February, 6, 1814. Their descendants, who still live in Wellington, are: Harriet E. Warren, M. D.; Frank D. Warren, who married Metta Sage (they have one child—Ella); Walter D. Warren, who married Helen Comstock, and with their three children—Clarence, Albert and Emma—still lives in the old homestead on the banks of the Charlemont.

HENRY HARRISON WILLIAMS, one of the earliest pioneers of Avon township, was born in Norwich, Conn., October 21, 1812, one of eight children born to John and Clarissa Williams, both natives of Massachusetts.

In 1817 the parents moved to Ohio and settled in Troy (now Avon) township, Lorain county, bringing with them their eight children, as follows: Laura, Justin, Tempa, Eliza Minerva, John Wendell, Mary Harriet, Henry Harrison and James Dwight, of whom, Justin died in 1846. Here the father opened up a farm in the woods, whereon he made a permanent home, and he laid the first board floor in the township. He died June 29, 1840, his wife October 28, 1839. In politics he was a Whig, and he served as township treasurer. Some of their children lived to old age: Mrs. Tempa Garfield died January 13, 1894, in Sheffield, in her ninety-fourth year; Mrs. Eliza M. Clary, now in her ninety-first year, lives in Norwalk; John W. died in Avon in his eighty-fifth year; Henry Harrison is now in his eighty-second year; James D. died in Avon in his seventy-fifth year.

H. H. Williams was five years of age when he came with the rest of the family to what is now Avon township, at which time the country was covered with timber, wolves, bears and deer being numerous. One of the male members of the family would have to go horseback once in every two weeks, to Olmsted, to have their milling done, and as there were no roads the journey was often somewhat perilous. Many a day Harrison spent pounding corn in a stump, hollowed out, to make their bread. Shoes were a luxury, and the children would tramp miles to school in winter time with their feet bound up in cloths. Our subject received his education in the common schools of the day, which were held in log cabins, and subsequently engaged in mercantile business at French Creek for fifteen years. In 1850 he erected the first steam sawmill in the township, which he conducted for some time, and then bought a gristmill. In 1855 he was burned out, and in 1856 he built the present gristmill at French Creek, which he operated for many years. For the past few years he has given his attention to agriculture, and owns a good farm adjoining the village. On February 6, 1840, he was married at Ridgeville, Ohio, to Miss Eunice Amelia Porter, daughter of Ebenezer and Eunice (Yale) Porter, who were married in 1800 at Lee, Mass.; in 1822 they left there, with their family of eight children, for Ohio, the journey being made with covered wagons, and occupying three months. They spent the first winter in Dover, Cuyahoga county, and in the spring moved to Ridgeville, where Mr. Porter built the first log house on Sugar Ridge. He was a lifelong farmer. He died at his residence in Ridgeville July 6, 1867, at the patriarchal age of ninety-two years. His wife died at the same place November 19, 1847, aged seventy-seven years. Their children were as follows: Mrs. Griscilda Gardner, deceased; Kimball; Mrs. Marcia Smith, deceased at the age of eighty-two years; Mrs. Mary E. Chester, Mrs. Frances Sexton, Mrs. Charlotte Tinker and Charles J., all deceased, and Mrs. Eunice A. Williams. To Harrison H. and Eunice A.

Very truly yours,
H. H. Williams,

Williams were born five children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: (1) Howard, January 21, 1841; (2) Annette, January 23, 1843; (3) Everett E., March 2, 1846; (4) Montville, November 15, 1847 (died December 16, 1847); and (5) Nellie L., October 5, 1853. Of these, (1) Howard married March 13, 1871, Ada F. McCarty; he is in the slate and felt roofing business in Toronto, Ont., also Buffalo, N. Y.; their children were Allison Jay, Annette Morey, Dwight McCarty (deceased), Ralph Clark and Franklin Howard (of these Annette Morey was married June 15, 1893, to T. Corbert Thompson, a dry-goods merchant in Toronto, Ont.). (2) Annette married, June 3, 1868, Norris Morey, an attorney at law of Buffalo, N. Y., and captain in the New York cavalry; their children are Isabel Ransom, Joseph Harrison, Howard Williams and Arthur Norris. (3) Everett E. married, at Avon, October 23, 1870, Miss Laurett A. Williams; he is assistant cashier in the National Bank of Elyria; their children are Zella Messenger, Harrison Charles and Porter Hastings. (5) Nellie L. was married May 21, 1881, to Burton C. Jameson, formerly of Avon, in the gravel and composition roofing business in Buffalo, N. Y., also in Toronto, Canada; their children are Everett Williams and Norris Morey.

Howard Williams, eldest son of H. H. Williams, enlisted August 11, 1862, then twenty-one years of age, in Company E, Forty-second O. V. I., as a recruit. For most of the time he was on detached, or special, duty until April 3, 1863, when, being sick, he was sent to St. Louis Hospital. Subsequently he was given a commission as second lieutenant of Company B, Fifth U. S. Volunteers; was ordered to Salena, Kansas, a border town, to guard army trains across the Plains, where Indians and others were troublesome. Later he was sent to Denver, Colo., and there remained till the close of the war. He is now in Toronto, Ont., as above recorded.

In political connection Henry H. Williams was originally a Whig, and cast his first Presidental vote for Gen. Harrison in 1840; since the formation of the party he has been a Republican, and he has served as treasurer of Avon township, and also as postmaster at French Creek. He and his wife have been active members of the Baptist Church at French Creek, she for fifty-nine years, he for fifty-two years, and a trustee much of the time.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

"Married in Ridgeville February 6, 1840, at the residence of E. Porter, Esq., by the Rev. Silas Tucker, Mr. Henry H. Williams of Avon and Miss Eunice A. Porter.

"The printer's fee on this occasion was a full loaf of cake of ample dimensions, which spoke well for the sweet temper of the bride, and the prospect of future felicity to the happy pair."

The above notice appeared in the Elyria paper of February, 1840. February 6, 1890—Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who have been spending the winter in Buffalo, celebrated their golden wedding at the residence of their daughter, Mrs. Norris Morey, No. 200 Sumner street. The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, with their families, were all present, thirteen grandchildren, making twenty-three in the family: Howard Williams, of Toronto; Mrs. Jameson, of Buffalo; Mrs. Morey; Mr. Williams, of Elyria; it being the first reunion of the family at which every member was present. Two deaths have occurred during the fifty years—an infant son and a grandson. The bride and groom of half a century received many golden gifts, also beautiful flowers and books from friends in Buffalo.

EVERETT E. WILLIAMS, assistant cashier of the National Bank of Elyria, is a son of H. H. and Eunice A. (Porter) Williams, and was born March 2, 1846, in Avon township,

Lorain Co., Ohio. He received his literary training at the public schools of Avon and at Oberlin College. At the conclusion of his studies he commenced the milling business in Avon, and is now a member of the firm of Williams, Barrows & Co., merchant millers, Lorain, Ohio. In connection he is interested in grain elevators as a member of the firm of Williams & Breckenridge. In 1885 he was unanimously nominated and elected, on the Republican ticket, treasurer of Lorain county, and after serving his county in this capacity two terms (four years), he became connected with the National Bank of Elyria, as teller.

Mr. Williams was married, at Avon, October 23, 1870, to Miss Laurett Williams, and they have three children, namely: Zella Messenger, Harrison Charles and Porter Hastings. Mr. Williams is among the best known and most progressive business men of Lorain county, and enjoys an enviable popularity.

MILO HARRIS, a leading and influential citizen of North Amherst, where he carried on mercantile business for many years, but is now retired from active life, was born April 21, 1822, at that place, the third son and child of the old pioneer Josiah Harris.

Josiah Harris was the most notable man to arrive in Lorain county in 1818. He was born in Becket, Berkshire Co., Mass., November 30, 1783, and died March 26, 1867, aged eighty-four years. He made journeys to Ohio in 1814–15, and purchased land; in 1818 he came to Amherst, and soon after had a log house completed on the banks of Beaver creek. He finally settled on the Public Square. In 1821 he was elected a justice of the peace, and served thirty-six years; was the first sheriff of Lorain county, and served three years as associate judge, being appointed in 1829; was a member of the General Assembly of Ohio in 1827, representing Cuyahoga county; represented Lorain and Medina counties in the House, and afterward was elected to the State Senate from the same District. Some time in the "twenties" he was appointed postmaster by Postmaster-general Meigs, and held the office continuously to the time of his death (over forty years), except when in the Legislature, being, probably, the oldest postmaster in the United States. He was agent for a number of eastern landowners, in which capacity he was enabled to do many a kind turn for the new comers, and no man in the township exerted a wider or more potent influence for good. He had four children, viz.: Josiah A., now deceased, for many years editor of the Cleveland *Herald;* Loring P., in Texas; Milo, and Emeline C., in Philadelphia.

The subject of this sketch received a liberal education at the schools of North Amherst, and was reared to commercial life. In 1861 he was elected sheriff of Lorain county, serving eighteen months; he was also a justice of the peace for many years in Amherst and Black River townships. In 1843 he was married to Miss Caroline Stocking, of Lorain county, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Goodrich) Stocking, of Massachusetts, who in an early day came to Black River township, Lorain county; they are both now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Harris was born one child, Florence (widow of Hiram Leslie), a resident of California. Mrs. Caroline Harris died in 1852, and on March 1, 1853, Mr. Harris married, in Amherst township, Lorain county, Mary Tyrrell, daughter of Homer and Mary F. Tyrrell (both now deceased), all natives of Massachusetts. By this marriage there were children as follows: George M., a physician and surgeon in Lorain, Ohio; Albert T., a physician in Howard, Kans.; Lucia M., wife of George M. Parker, a member of the Amherst town council and superintendent of the Malone Stone Quarry;

and Homer J. and Carrie F., who died at the age of sixteen and three years, respectively.

In politics our subject is a Republican. Socially he has been a member of Elyria Lodge, No. 103, I. O. O. F., since 1852, and was a charter member of Plato Lodge; he was also a member of the I. O. G. T. Mrs. Harris is a member of the Congregational Church. A notable fact in regard to the Harris family is that three of its members have held the office of sheriff of Lorain county: Judge Josiah Harris was the first sheriff; his son, Josiah A., held the office at a later period, being third sheriff in the county, and Milo was sheriff in 1861, as already related.

HENRY WALLACE, the well-known lake captain and vessel owner, whose residence is in Lorain, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1828, a son of Samuel and Ann (Finley) Wallace.

In his native land he was reared on a farm, and educated at the Protestant schools of the vicinity of his place of birth. In 1850 he came to America and to Ohio, making his first home, in the New World, in Cleveland, where he remained till the fall of the same year, when he came to Lorain (then Black River), in which now flourishing city he has since made his home. Here he worked in shipyards for several years, finally becoming interested in vessel property—small boats chiefly—the firm with which he was connected being known as "Wallace, Gawn & Co.," who became very successful in business. For the past several years he has been owner or part owner of some of the A 1 vessels that have sailed the lakes, and among those in which he at present has an interest may be mentioned the propeller "Vulcan" (built of steel), and the steamer "Robert Wallace" and sailing vessel "David Wallace," the "Thomas Gawn" and "Lyons;" also the steel propeller "Vega," which was built by the company winter of 1892–93. For about twenty-eight consecutive years he sailed the lakes as captain, and for excellency of seamanship and care in handling his vessels, his reputation stands without a blemish.

On Christmas Eve, 1856, Capt. Wallace was united in marriage with Miss Chloe Case, a native of Avon, Lorain Co., Ohio, and they have three children living, namely: Eva, wife of J. H. Hills, superintendent of the Brass Works at Lorain (they have three children: Alma, Harry and Albert); Elizabeth, and Lillie, wife of Welker McEl. Frish.

The entire family, with the exception of Mrs. Hills, who is a Congregationalist, are members of the M. E. Church. Capt. Wallace is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the I. O. O. F.

HENRY J. BARROWS was born March 15, 1851, in Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio. His early life was spent upon a farm, and he received such an education as the district schools afforded, later studying for a time in the Preparatory Department of Oberlin College. At the age of twenty-seven he married Miss Anna L. Beers (daughter of Lewis and Susan Beers), whose native place was Stratford, Conn., and two daughters, Edna and Ellen, were born of the union. Mrs. Barrows died April 5, 1893.

In 1879 the subject of this sketch purchased an interest in the Avon Flouring Mills, then owned and operated by Willams, Warden & Co. Mr. Barrows at once took charge of the business of the firm, and in 1886 the style of the firm was changed to Williams, Barrows & Co. Near the close of the year 1886 the Avon property was sold, and possession given on the first day of January, 1887, and the company at once commenced the erection of a new flouring

mill of 150 barrels daily capacity, at Lorain, Ohio, which was completed and started up June 15, that year. From the start the new venture has been a success. Mr. Barrows still retains a share of and manages the business. He holds a directorship in the Citizens Savings Bank Co., and in the Lake Erie Electric Light Co.; is president of the board of Water Works Trustees, and vice-president of the Citizens Home Savings & Loan Association. In politics he has always been a Republican.

James R. Barrows, father of subject, was born in New York, and at the age of seven years came to Ohio with his father, Adnah Barrows, who settled on a farm in Avon township, in what was at that time almost an unbroken wilderness, and died at the age of sixty-seven. Clarrissa Day, his wife, lived to be eighty-seven years of age. James R. Barrows married Melvina P. Sawyer, and they had a family of four children, of whom Warren J. died at the age of twenty-seven; Ellen C. died at the age of thirty-four; Henry J. and Etta M. are still living. Mr. James R. Barrows is now living at the age of seventy-two years, on a farm in Avon township, in comfortable circumstances. His first wife died at the age of thirty-two.

JOHN LERSCH, member of the well-known prosperous dry-goods firm of Baldwin, Lersch & Co., Elyria, is a native of the Bavarian Palatinate, Germany, born July 25, 1841.

He is a son of Carl and Louise (Schweitzer) Lersch, natives of the same place, who emigrated to America in 1851, bringing their young son John with them. At Havre, France, July 25, that year, they boarded a sailing vessel bound for the United States, and after a voyage of forty days arrived at New York September 4 following. From there they came direct to Cleveland, Ohio, where they sojourned about six months, and then proceeded to Mansfield, same State, in which city they resided one year. At the end of that time they returned to Cuyahoga county, where the father purchased a farm in North Dover, about thirteen miles east of Elyria, and not far from the Lorain county line. They did a considerable amount of their trading in the town of Elyria, and one day while there with their son, the subject of this sketch, the following seemingly trivial incident occurred, which influenced and directed the after life of the lad. They were making a purchase in the old-established store of Mussey & Co., when one of the salesmen —a Mr. Bishop—asked the boy how much a peck of the article his father was purchasing would cost at $2.62½ per bushel. Undaunted by the question, young Lersch gave prompt and correct answer. "Are you sure of this?" asked Mr. Bishop. The boy for a moment looked at his mother for assurance, and then, on her telling him to answer if he really knew, he replied: "Yes, that is right." Thereupon Mr. Bishop turned to Mr. Gallup, a partner in the house, with the remark: "Here is a boy we want;" and accordingly then and there it was agreed that, as soon as the proper preliminaries could be arranged, Master John Lersch should enter the store of Mussey & Co., on a thirty-days trial. Thus on April 13, 1854, our subject, then not thirteen years old, found himself installed "on trial" with the firm, a sudden transition truly from the quiet life of the farm to the bustle of a busy town. This month of probation was marked by a strict application to business on his part, and constant punctuality, so that at the end of the prescribed time indentures were signed for three years. The compensation he received for his first year's service was forty dollars and board; for the second, fifty dollars; for the third, seventy-five dollars; and for the fourth, one hundred and seventy-five dollars and board, his salary being advanced in proportion to his promotion in the store.

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In 1858 S. W. Baldwin, T. W. Laundon and T. L. Nelson bought out the firm of H. E. Mussey & Co., Mr. Lersch remaining with them until their retirement from business in 1872, when, each having made liberal fortunes, they sold the dry-goods department of their business to D. C. Baldwin & Co., Mr. Lersch being the junior partner. By hard work and close attention to detail their business soon became one of the largest retail houses in the State. As years rolled by Mr. Lersch became familiar with the entire business of buying and selling, so that, in whatever capacity he acted, his services were alike valuable. This relationship continued until 1880, when the firm was changed to Baldwin, Lersch & Co., the present style of the firm, although Mr. Baldwin has partially retired from active business. Most of the management of the concern devolves upon Mr. Lersch, than whom few men so competent, and certainly none superior, could be found. At about this time Mr. Lersch established the N. O. Syndicate, composed of Baldwin, Lersch & Co., Elyria, Frier & Scheule, of Cleveland, and B. C. Taber & Co., of Norwalk, Ohio, formed for the purpose of purchasing goods, chiefly from manufacturers or their agents, thus saving jobbers' profits, keeping an agent constantly on the lookout for bargains, which enables them to sell at considerable advantage.

In 1868 Mr. Lersch was married in Elyria, to Miss Pamela Boynton, third daughter of Joshua Boynton, and the alliance has proved a happy one. Seven children have been born to them, all of whom have had good educational privileges. They are Carl Theodore and Robert Boynton (both assistants in their father's store), Louise De Lano, Carlotta Pauline, John Walter, Arthur Emerson and Paul Harwood. After Mr. Lersch's marriage, his parents resided with him during the remainder of their lives; his mother died in February, 1877, his father in March, 1887. Although a native of Germany, and speaking the language of that country equally as well as he does English, Mr. Lersch is a typical American. He is broad in his views and conversant with all public questions, believing it is the duty of every American citizen to be intelligent, and well informed on all public issues. As he is an ultra-protectionist, it goes without saying that he is a straight Republican. At the present time Mr. Lersch is one of the directors of the Elyria Savings Deposit Bank; also a member of the finance committee of this bank. Mr. Lersch attributes much of his business success to the admirable training he received at the hands of Mr. T. W. Laundon, than whom, probably, no better dry-goods man ever conducted business in Lorain county. Mr. Lersch has been connected with practically the same store for a period of forty years, during which time he has lost only four days on account of illness; and the only vacation he has taken of any length was in 1882, when he spent the months of July and August in Europe.

A. W. NICHOLS, one of the most progressive and intelligent of Lorain county's agriculturists, and whose magnificent farm of two hundred acres is among the most fertile of Grafton township, comes of English-Welsh ancestry.

He was born July 3, 1828, in York township, Livingston Co., N. Y., a son of Nathaniel Nichols, who was born in Rodman township, Jefferson Co., N. Y., May 7, 1806, and whose father, also named Nathaniel, served in the Revolutionary war. The father of subject was a tanner and shoemaker, at which latter trade he served a regular apprenticeship. On September 16, 1827, he married Dorcas E. Bailey, who was born March 29, 1804, in Elmira, N. Y., of Huguenot and Dutch extraction, daughter of Benjamin and Polly (Burr) Bailey. After marriage they made their

new home on a piece of land owned by his brother Albion, where for a time he followed his trade. While they were residing in Livingston county, N. Y., one son, A. W., our subject, was born to them. Later they moved to Cattaraugus county, same State, and made a temporary settlement in Dayton township, where the father bought fifty acres of land. Here two children were born to them: Martha E., born July 2, 1831, married to Milton Adams, and they now live in Eaton county, Mich.; and Mary A., born December 27, 1834, married first to Orange Adams, afterward to Samuel Denison, a ranchman near Wellborn, Texas. From Cattaraugus county the family moved to Nunda, Allegany (now Livingston) Co., same State, where two more children were born, viz.: Rollo A., born June 7, 1838, who during the Civil war, while a bookkeeper in Huntsville, Ala., was forced into the Confederate service, and rose from the ranks till at the battle of Spottsylvania C. H. he found himself an officer on Gen. Buell's staff; at that engagement he was taken prisoner by the Federals, and in the spring of 1864 he enlisted in the Union army, in which he served till the close of the war; afterward he served as commissary for the U. S. Government, and died in 1880 at Florence, Ga., where he was buried. The other child who came to them in Allegany county is Ellen, born September 25, 1843, married to Don Carlos VanDusen, now of Oberlin, Ohio.

In 1843 Nathaniel Nichols came alone to Ohio, and deciding to settle in Grafton township, Lorain county, he purchased in the eastern part fifty acres of wild land at ten dollars an acre. In the following fall the family joined him, and they set to work to clear the land and make all necessary improvements, building a substantial log house for a dwelling. After some years the father moved to Columbia township, same county, whence after a time he returned to Grafton township, and made a final settlement in the southern portion of same. For a season he was a resident of La Grange township (also in Lorain county), and he died in 1883 in Hinckley, Medina Co., Ohio, where he was sojourning with his daughter Ellen. His wife preceded him to the grave some years, dying in La Grange township, and they now lie buried in the Western Cemetery in that township. After coming to Ohio Mr. Nichols followed farming chiefly, and to some extent his trade, shoemaking. Politically he was originally a Whig, but died a Democrat. He was a very liberal and hospitable entertainer; in his religious views he was partial to the M. E. Church, while his wife was an Old-school Presbyterian. and their home was always open to ministers of all churches.

A. W. Nichols, the subject proper of this sketch, received but a limited education at the public schools of his boyhood days, and was reared to farm work. Being bright at his studies, and an apt scholar, he made considerable progress by private reading, and became skilled in mathematics. When he was a small boy he was adopted by a bachelor uncle, Albion Nichols, and a maiden aunt, Esther Nichols, who lived together and carried on farming. In 1844 he came to Ohio, and spent his first winter in Lorain county. In the following year his uncle and aunt came to Grafton township, and here bought sixty acres of wild land from James Turner, being the farm our subject now owns and lives on, and where he has since resided, for he at once made his home with his benefactors. For some years before their death—they lived to advanced ages—he had the entire management of their farm, and when they died he succeeded to the property. He has prospered in all his undertakings, and is now the owner of 200 acres of prime land. In May, 1883, his residence was burned down, but he at once set to work and built a yet finer one, which he calls "Hurricane Hall."

On February 22, 1870, prior to the death of his uncle and aunt, Mr. Nichols was

united in marriage with Mrs. Elizabeth H. Durkee, who was born April 14, 1835, in Eaton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, a daughter of John Gamble, a native of Yorkshire, England, and his wife, Mary Curtis, of Boston, Mass. Politically our subject has been a Republican since the organization of the party, and has held several township offices of trust. He is a member of the F. & A. M., Lodge No. 399, at La-Grange, and of Marshall Chapter, Elyria.

RCHESTER, who for over sixty years has been a resident of Avon township, where for nearly half a century he has been an industrious and frugal farmer, is a native of England, born in Northamptonshire, in 1823.

He is a son of William and Amelia (Perrin) Chester, natives of the same county, the former of whom died in England, and his widow, after marrying John Fretter, emigrated with her family in 1833 to the United States. They settled in Avon township, Lorain county, where they lived on rented land till 1840, in which year they moved to the farm where our subject now resides. The mother died in Minnesota about the year 1878, her second husband passing away in 1846 in Avon township, Lorain county. There were five children born to her first marriage, a brief record of whom is as follows: William married and resided in Avon, where he died in 1881; John died in Avon township in 1879; Job is married and resides in Rice county, Minn., where he was the first settler; R. is the subject of these lines; Matilda became the wife of Charles Blanchett and died in Avon township in 1887. Our subject had two stepsisters, viz.: Elizabeth, who married Luke Cheney, and moved to Rice county, Minn., where she died in 1880; and Lucy, who married Joseph Spriggs, and also moved to Rice county, Minn., where she died in 1885.

The subject of this sketch, who was ten years old when he came to Avon township, received his education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his home, and when he was old enough to work assisted in clearing the home farm.. For four years he was in the employ of ex-Governor Wood in Rockport township, Cuyahoga county, and then returned to Avon township, in 1848 locating on his present farm of 245 acres, which for the most part he cleared himself, and where he has since been assiduously engaged in general farming. In 1852 he was married, in Elyria township, Lorain county, to Miss Eliza Mitchell, a native of Northamptonshire, England, and children were born to them, as follows: Elizabeth Ann, who died in 1864 at the age of eleven years; Clara, who died in 1892 at the age of thirty-seven years; Job, residing at home; Mary Ann; Agnes Jane; and Reuben Albert. In politics Mr. Chester is a Republican.

DR. H. L. HALL, a well-known young physician and surgeon of North Amherst, was born May 17, 1860, at Jefferson, Ashtabula Co., Ohio. His grandfather, Daniel Hall, was a native of Connecticut, and in a very early day came westward to Ashtabula county, Ohio. O. L. Hall, son of this early pioneer, was born in Connecticut, and was reared in Ashtabula county. He was married to Laura Hyde, a native of Connecticut, whose father, Gates Hyde, was born in Allegany county, N. Y., and was one of the earliest pioneers of Lenox township, Ashtabula county, where he assisted in clearing a farm. Mr. Hall followed the profession of a teacher. He died in 1885 at Macon, Ga.; his widow is now living in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. H. L. Hall was reared in his native county, and received his education at Grand River Institute, Austinburgh, Ohio. In 1881 he entered the Medical Department

of the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, graduating with the class of 1884, and afterward spent eighteen months at the Lakeside Hospital, also in Cleveland, graduating therefrom in October, 1885. He then came to North Amherst, which he has since made his home, and where he has built up an extensive general practice; he is now medical examiner for seven old-line life-insurance companies.

In June, 1885, the Doctor was united in marriage, in Ashtabula county, Ohio, with Miss Hattie A. Tinker, a native of that county. They are both members of the Congregational Church, in which he has filled several offices. In politics our subject is independent, and he takes an active interest in everything tending to the advancement of his community. Socially he is a member of North Amherst Lodge No. 74, K. of P.

GORDON W. BAKER, senior member of the well-known clothing firm, in Elyria, of Baker & Foster, is one of the oldest established merchants in the city. He is a native of Northamptonshire, England, born June 2, 1838, a son of Richard and Sarah (Gaudern) Baker, of the same place, who emigrated to the United States when the subject of these lines was yet a boy, locating in Lorain county, Ohio.

Mr. Richard Baker enjoys a wide reputation as one of the most prominent stockmen in the Buckeye State. He was one of the leaders of the State Fair annually held in Columbus, Ohio, and for several years was president and a director of that Association; was one of the first to introduce into Lorain county, Ohio, the famous Shorthorn cattle, and it is said owned the first herd of that breed exhibited in these parts. To the rearing of not only fine-bred cattle but also horses, as well as general agriculture, has Mr. Baker devoted the greater part of his useful life.

Gordon W. Baker received his primary education at the schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth, which he supplemented in this country with considerable application to books and study as opportunity offered. Leaving his father's farm at the age of thirteen years he engaged his services as clerk to a general merchant in Elyria, but this employer going out of business, Mr. Baker soon found another opening, with Starr Bros., which position he filled with much credit for some four or five years. He then entered the employ of Baldwin, Laundon & Nelson, the then leading mercantile house of Elyria, and here he did efficient work for several years, becoming at the same time thoroughly conversant with all branches of mercantile trade, making his mark for application to business and thorough knowledge of all departments of the same. From the successors of the above-named firm he purchased the clothing department of their business, and received into partnership Frank H. Foster, the style of the firm becoming Baker & Foster, as it at present remains. Through his long connection with mercantile pursuits, Mr. Baker gained for himself a very extensive acquaintance, and his sturdy Anglo-Saxon qualities of integrity, liberality and candor gained for him a host of personal friends and the utmost confidence of the public. He soon became the leading clothier of Elyria, which he continues to be. Mr. Baker has often remarked that just as a man has gained sufficient knowledge of business to find a real pleasure in it, the best part of his life has passed, and he is compelled to withdraw into retirement.

In 1872 Mr. Baker was united in marriage, in New York State, with Miss Charlotte Alice Linnell, a native of Northamptonshire, England, to which country the happy couple made their wedding trip. To this union were born two children, named, respectively, Alice Maud Mary and Annie Louise. The family reside in a handsome home on Washington avenue,

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Elyria. Mr. Baker is a Republican, and he attends the services of the Episcopal Church. In political, religious and all other views, public or private, he is liberal, always respecting the rights of every man to his own opinion and judgment. He is a stockholder in and director of the Elyria Savings Deposit Bank Co., and a member and director of the Elyria Savings and Loan Company.

Mr. Baker is a great reader, and keeps himself well informed on all public questions. He has a special fondness for live stock of all descriptions, and is a good judge of same. He breeds extensively, and organized a company for the purpose of introducing and perpetuating a line of fine stock in Colorado, where he has an interest in a ranch, and a considerable amount of means invested. A traveler of no little experience, he has made several trips to Europe, visiting his old home in England and places of interest on the Continent.

JOSEPH H. BALDWIN, one of the leading, intelligent and progressive agriculturists of Brownhelm township, was born in Addison county, Vt., in 1824, a son of Thomas and Esther (Wilson) Baldwin, natives of the State of New Jersey, the father born in 1785, the mother in 1794.

Thomas Baldwin, who was a wagon-maker by trade, left the paternal roof in early life, and, for a time sojourning in Vermont, married there. In 1832 he removed to Chautauqua county, N. Y., whence in 1836 he came to Brownhelm township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he bought a farm and spent the rest of his days. He died in 1868, his widow in 1881. In politics he was first a Whig, afterward a Republican. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baldwin, viz.: Lucus, now a resident of Paulding county, Ohio; Joseph H., the subject of our sketch; Julia, who died in 1852; and three children who died in infancy. On the father's side the family claim Welsh descent; on the mother's they are of Scotch lineage.

Up to the age of twelve years the subject of our sketch was reared in the States of Vermont and New York, and, after coming to Ohio in 1836 with his parents, attended for a time the district schools of Brownhelm township, Lorain county. Learning the trade of carpenter and joiner, he worked in the shipyards at Vermillion, Erie county, much of the time until 1863, when he settled on the old homestead farm, consisting of eighty-five acres in Brownhelm township, Lorain county. While engaged in the business of farming Mr. Baldwin has increased his farm by purchase of additional land, until now he has a well-improved farm of 163 acres of first-class land, on which he still resides.

Mr. Baldwin has been thrice married, the first time in 1851, to Miss Sarah M. Ashenhurst, by which union three children were born: Henry T., a blacksmith by trade, now residing at Berlin Heights, Ohio; William A., a railroad employé, who was killed while coupling cars, July 7, 1883; and Charlie, who died in infancy. This wife died September 5, 1864, and in December, 1865, Mr. Baldwin was wedded to Miss Adeline Hardy, a native of the State of New York, daughter of Ephraim Hardy, a pioneer of Erie county, Ohio. To this union two children were born, namely: Frank O., who has attended school and taught for the past five or six years, he having graduated from the Commercial Department of the Ohio Normal University (September, 1892), and the Business Department of the Tri-State Normal College (October, 1893), the degree of B. C. S. being conferred upon him by each institution; and Charles A., a farmer who resides at home with his father. The mother of these departed this life April 21, 1890, and February 14, 1892, the subject of our sketch married Mrs. May E. Howey, a native of Missouri, and a lady of culture and refinement (she has, by her former hus-

band, one child, a son, who is a successful telegraph operator in the West).

In his political faith Mr. Baldwin is a stanch Republican; he has served as township trustee several years, and is now president of the Board of Education in his township.

JACOB GOODMAN (deceased) was born September 13, 1818, in Seneca county, N. Y., to Jacob and Elizabeth (Meyer) Goodman, who about the year 1833 came to Medina county, Ohio, from the East, settling in the woods of Brunswick township.

Our subject attended the public schools of his early day, but being one of a large family of children, twelve in number, did not enjoy many educational advantages. In December, 1849, he married Mary Euga, a native of Baden, Germany, born December 11, 1828, daughter of Jacob Euga, who came with his family to the United States in 1834, landing in New York after a three weeks' passage. Thence they proceeded by Hudson river and Erie Canal to Buffalo, N. Y., from which city they came by lake to Cleveland, thence by road to Liverpool township, Medina county, where the father bought a small tract of land totally unimproved, on which he erected a log house, and where his family were reared. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Goodman located on a farm, where he had previously resided, in Grafton township, Lorain county, and here a new log cabin was erected. On this farm children as follows were born to them: Sarah, Mrs. Frederick Wise, of Eaton township; Charlotte, Mrs. W. E. Saddler, of Bloomdale, Wood Co., Ohio; Adaline, Mrs. Charles Reisinger, of Grafton township; Mary, now Mrs. Edward Killup (her first husband, Henry Reisinger, was killed by lightning in Columbia township), and Charles. About the year 1861 Mr. Goodman built the frame house in which he resided until his death, which occurred September 20, 1884, after a lingering illness; his remains were interred in Belden cemetery. He was a lifelong successful farmer, and his death was hastened by overwork, as he was a most energetic man in all his undertakings. In politics he was an enthusiastic Democrat, and though not a member of school board, was a strong advocate of free schools and compulsory education. In matters of religion he was a member of the Congregational Church at Belden, as is also his widow, who continues to reside on the old homestead, which is under the management of her son Charles, a brief sketch of whom is here given.

CHARLES GOODMAN was born in March, 1862, in Grafton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and received a liberal education at the district schools. On August 1, 1888, he was united in marriage with Hattie D. Bradley, who was born in Monee, Ill., February 17, 1870, a daughter of George and Eleanor (Harper) Bradley, and three children were born to them, viz.: Mary E., Bert B., and Henry, who died in infancy. After marriage Mr. Goodman continued to reside on the old farm, which now comprises 244 acres of prime land, for his age controlling more land than any other farmer in the township, and he long since gave evidences of his competency to do so. He is a typical "hustler," and one of the most prosperous go-ahead and wide-awake young farmers of Grafton. In politics he follows in the footsteps of his father, being an uncompromising Democrat.

FRANCIS HARMON, the well-known druggist of Oberlin, was born in Randolph, Portage Co., Ohio, January 22, 1836, a son of Chauncey and Comfort (Dickinson) Harmon. The father of subject was born in Berkshire county, Mass., in 1796, and in 1816 came west to Ohio, settling in Randolph, Portage county, where he carried on farm-

ing up to the time of his death in 1862. In 1821 he married Comfort Dickinson, who was born in Granville, Conn., and in 1806 came west with her parents. Both families were of English ancestry.

J. F. Harmon was educated at the common schools of his native place, and at Oberlin, whither he had come when yet in his "teens." On leaving school he commenced to learn the trade of printer, and after a three-years apprenticeship, he and V. A. Shankland purchased, in 1858, the *Evangelist*, a weekly paper in Oberlin, which they continued to publish jointly till during the Civil war, when fired with the spirit of patriotism Mr. Harmon entered the service of the Union, having previously sold out his interest to his partner; but the paper collapsed during the war period. There was another periodical established in 1858, and published in the *Evangelist* office, entitled *The Oberlin Students' Monthly*, the students of Oberlin College supplying the editorial matter, and this also "came to grief" during those troublous days. They also established the *Lorain County News* in 1860, which under the title of *Oberlin News* is still published.

Our subject enlisted April 19, 1861, in Company C, Seventh O. V. I., in the three months service, and went to Cleveland, Ohio, as corporal, there to join his regiment. Thence they proceeded to Camp Dennison, where they were drilled till the end of the following June. At the expiration of his term Mr. Harmon reënlisted for three years, as did also nearly every member of the company. They were then ordered to West Virginia, where they spent their first summer and fall, and at the affair at Cross Lanes, where they encountered Gen. Floyd's force, about thirty of the company were taken prisoners, and some died of their wounds. In December, 1861, the regiment proceeded to central Virginia, and participated in the engagement at Winchester with Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson's force, in which four or five of Company C were killed; thence they moved down the Shenandoah Valley, where they remained during April, May and June, 1862, and the regiment did good service at the battles of Port Republic and Cedar Mountain, where they lost many men, killed and wounded. They then served in what is known as Pope's Campaign, and at the battle of Antietam they again lost several men. Shortly after this last battle, the brigade to which the Seventh was attached went into camp on Bolivar Heights, Harper's Ferry. In the spring of 1863 the Seventh again encountered the enemy, this time at Chancellorsville, where it lost heavily. In June, same year, they were at Gettysburg, Penn., and did gallant service. From there they were ordered to New York to assist in quelling the riots; about September 1, following, they returned and occupied the old camp on the Rapidan. Soon after, with the Twentieth Army Corps, under Gen. Hooker, they were transferred to the Western Department, and participated in the battles of Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge. Two days later, at Ringgold, in storming the heights of Taylor's Ridge, the gallant Seventh were severely handled, and repulsed with a loss of nineteen killed and sixty-one wounded, only one commissioned officer being left uninjured. In January, 1864, the regiment returned to its old camp at Bridgeport, Ala., where it passed the winter in comparative quiet. In the spring of the year they saw some service at Resaca and elsewhere, and this ended their campaign, for in June they were mustered out, and returned home. Of the original 1,000 men of the Seventh Ohio only about 270 were left, and of the one hundred original members of Company C, only seventeen answered their names at the muster-out roll.

On Mr. Harmon's return home he bought an interest in the *Oberlin News*, and a short time afterward purchased the entire concern, and this paper he conducted during the summer of 1865, when he sold out. For nine years thereafter he was postmas-

ter at Oberlin, at the close of which incumbency (in 1874) he embarked in the drug business in the same town, and has continued it ever since, enjoying an excellent trade.

In 1864 Mr. Harmon was married to Miss Cecelia C. Viles, who was born in Camden township, Lorain Co., Ohio, daughter of William and Dorlisca (Heath) Viles, and by this union there is one son, William, who recently graduated at the Massachusetts School of Pharmacy in Boston. Mr. Harmon, in his political predilections, has always been a straight Republican, and his first Presidential vote was cast for Lincoln. In the G. A. R. Post, No. 364, Oberlin, he has been quartermaster, adjutant and commander.

WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS. This gentleman is the oldest living settler of Eaton township, having been a resident of same for the past sixty-seven years, during which time he has seen the wild woods give place to fertile farms, and the untutored Indian and fierce animals of the forest vanish before the inevitable onward march of civilization.

Mr. Phillips is a native of the State of New York, born in Greene county in 1809, a son of Henry J. and Abigail (Finch) Phillips, also of New York State, where they were reared and married. In 1826 they migrated westward to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in October of that year in Eaton township, our subject being then a lad of seventeen summers. The father was a wagon maker by trade, and made the first wagon used on Butternut Ridge. He died in Eaton township, February 11, 1864; he was a lieutenant in the State militia during the war of 1812. The mother had passed away July 13, 1833. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: William H., subject proper of sketch; Deborah, married, who died some years ago in Omaha, Neb.; Edward, married, who was a sailor on Lake Erie, and was wrecked October 24, 1851, on the "Henry Clay;" Catherine, who was the wife of William Webster, and died in Carlisle township, Lorain county; Jeremiah, who died in Boone county, Ill., in 1891; Mary, who was the wife of William Webster, and died in Texas in 1891; Martin O., who died in Wisconsin; Savilla W., wife of Samuel Sweeley, residing at Adel, Iowa; and Abbie, who is the wife of William White, of Denison, Texas.

William H. Phillips received part of his education in Ithaca, N. Y., and part in the old log schoolhouse of Eaton township, Lorain county. He learned wagon making with his father, and followed the trade some years; he made for his own use the first buggy that ever ran on Butternut Ridge, Eaton township. For the past sixty years or so he has given his attention exclusively to his farm.

In 1840 Mr. Phillips was married, in Carlisle township, Lorain county, to Maria S. Slater, who was born in New York State, daughter of Johiel Slater, who died in Ridgeville township, Lorain county. To this union were born children as follows: William A., an oculist and aurist in Cleveland, Ohio, and a member of the Faculty of the College of Homeopathy, Cleveland, who has been at college some twelve or fourteen years, and graduated from the New York Institute for the Eye (he married Marian Nickerson, and they have one son, Roland); Edgar A., who enlisted in Elyria, Lorain county, and was shot during the retreat from Martin's Ferry, Va.; Edward E., who is married to Mary Schuyler, is a professor in Marietta College (he has been engaged in educational work all his life, and has visited Europe); Corda C. is the wife of Ezra Atwater, and lives in Newburgh, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio; Lena M., the wife of D. H. Stevenson, resides in Eaton township, Lorain county, and has one child—Phil W. The mother of this family was called to her long home

in 1868. Politically Mr. Phillips is a Republican, formerly a Democrat, and he voted for Gen. Jackson. He served as assessor of Eaton township for nearly thirty years, and as justice of the peace about twenty years; has also been supervisor and member of the school board. He is a member of the Universalist Church.

G. D. FOOT. Dell Foot, the courteous, obliging and popular "mine host" of a leading hotel and livery in Wellington, is a native of Lorain county, born September 21, 1836, in Huntington township.

Amos Foot, father of subject, was born March 5, 1812, in Chester, Hampden Co., Mass., and in 1835 came to Ohio, locating in Huntington township, Lorain county. He brought with him one hundred and fifty dollars in cash, which latter he invested in fifty acres of land. He married Miss Mary Chapman, a native of Montgomery, Hampden Co., Mass., and for years thereafter he followed farming; then became a preacher in the Wesleyan Church, holding forth for a considerable time in Avon, Lorain county, afterward in Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga county. Returning east he preached for ten years at Cochituate, Mass., near Boston, where his wife died April 20, 1869, and then once more came to Lorain county, where he married his second wife, his last days being spent at the home of his son, our subject. He died in 1888, his second wife in 1882. He was a very large man, in his prime weighing some 290 pounds, and he had a voice remarkable for its strength and volume. He had two children—G. D. and Emma J. (wife of George Royce, of Wellington)—by his first wife, none by his second.

The subject of this sketch was reared to agricultural pursuits on the farm of his father, with whom he lived until 1856, when he purchased the farm. To the original tract he added until he had 500 acres of as fine land as could be found in the township, and carried on general farming, including dairying and stock-raising. During seven years he milked an average of one hundred cows, and dealt in cattle, horses and hogs. In 1873 he moved to Wellington, where he is engaged in the hotel and livery business, his house being most complete in every respect, fitted with water and gas supply, although there is neither system in the town—in fact it is essentially a metropolitan hotel.

In 1856 Mr. Foot married Matilda Rush, who was born in Greene county, Penn., and they had five children, viz.: Celia, Lucy, Jessie, Dell and Orrie, of whom Celia married E. D. Bush, a successful farmer and proprietor of a meat market; she died in January, 1891, aged thirty-six years, leaving four children, Walter, Charles, Fred and George. Lucy married George Lambert, one of the firm of the Wellington Milling Co., and has two children, Robert and Celia. Jessie married Chris. McDermott, one of the proprietors of the Machine Co., at Wellington, and has three children, Lucile, James, and Louise. Mr. Foot in his political faith is a stanch Republican. Personally he is most affable, good-natured, social, and is in every respect, as a caterer to the wants of the public, "the right man in the right place."

MORELL E. SEELY, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Brighton township, is a son of Humphrey S. Seely, who was born November 22, 1817, in Oneida county, N. Y., and whose father, Cornelius, was born in the same county September 3, 1796, a son of Daniel. During the Revolutionary war the last named, while fishing with some other boys, was kidnapped by the "Tories," and induced to enter the British service, which he did, acting in the capacity of officer's servant.

Cornelius Seely, grandfather of subject, in 1817 married Rachel Smith, who was born October 1, 1800, in New York, only daughter of Thomas Smith, a farmer and cooper. The children by this union were the following: Humphrey S.; Joseph W., who died in Kansas; Thomas, an M. E. minister of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Esther A., widow of John Cockrel, deceased; Almira H., widow of William Hubbard, a tailor, who died in the service during the Civil war; Phebe, who married Hart Smith, and died in New York State; Daniel F., a farmer of Waukesha, Wis. (he was formerly in the lumber business); Phineas, also a farmer of Waukesha, Wis.; Renette, who died of scarlet fever when six years old; Amanda, deceased in infancy; James W., a farmer of Ridgeville township; Florentine, who married Asa Frary, and died in Canaan, Wayne Co., Ohio; Rachel N., who died in childhood; Ursula, wife of William Vandervere, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Elroy Mc., who served in the same regiment with the subject of this sketch, and died in the hospital at Nashville, Tenn. Cornelius Seely, who was a lifelong farmer, came in 1821 to Lorain county, Ohio, with his family, consisting then of a wife and three children, the journey being made with a covered two-horse wagon, which conveyed two families, for his brother, Daniel, wife and child accompanied them. (This child, by name William, became a Methodist Episcopal divine, was presiding elder, and was superannuated). The party camped out by the roadside at such times as taverns could not be reached by night, and they were kindly treated wherever they went. Their route was by way of Cleveland, where they forded the Cuyahoga river, then traveled along the beach of Lake Erie to Avon township, where the brothers secured a tract of land of 300 acres, north of the ridge, by trading his farm in New York State for it. The land was all covered with timber and underbrush, but by dint of hard work and incessant toil they succeeded in making a clearing for their farm, and on it built a log house to shelter both families, but afterward each had a cabin. Money was a scarce commodity, and the brothers would make a journey on foot to Cleveland, a distance of twenty miles, and the same day after arrival each cut an average of four cords of wood. About the year 1846 Cornelius Seely moved to Wisconsin, locating for some time near Waukesha, and then returned to Avon township. Here he died March 4, 1866, and his remains lie buried in Avon cemetery. He was a pillar of the M. E. Church, serving as class-leader and in various offices. Mr. Seely had been twice married; his first wife, Rachel, died October 18, 1843, and for his second spouse he wedded Mrs. Mary Cadwell, *née* House, widow of Capt. Cadwell (her first husband was a Mr. Kinney), whom she married in New York. She died in her ninety-third year at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leavitt Taylor, in Elyria, Ohio. Mr. Seely had no children by this union.

Humphrey S. Seely, father of subject, received his primary education at the subscription schools of his native place, and after reaching maturity attended select school, later the seminary at Norwalk, the principal thereof being Bishop Thompson, who died while on a trip around the world. Mr. Seely was a man of considerable ability, and advanced rapidly in his studies. He remained on his father's farm till after his marriage, when he located on that of his father-in-law for two or three years. He then bought wild land in Brighton township, same county, and here cleared a farm, remaining on same until 1889, when he removed to Wellington village, in the township of that name, where he is now living a retired life. On March 25, 1841, he married Miss Cordelia Loveland, who was born November 12, 1823, in Brighton township, a daughter of Leonard H. and Margaret V. (Whitlock) Loveland (a sketch of whom immediately follows), and two children were born to them, viz.: Morell E., subject of this memoir; and Amina R.,

born November 6, 1843, now Mrs. John Eddy, of Wellington; her first husband was Oliver Rulison, who during the Civil war served in the Second Ohio Cavalry, and died from injuries received in the war. The mother of these died March 23, 1852, and was buried in Loveland cemetery, which was situated on the home farm. For his second wife Mr. Seely married, in 1852, Miss Julia Crosby, born December 23, 1825, in Brighton township, Lorain county, a daughter of John Crosby, a pioneer of same. Two children came to this union, viz.: DeForest C., born October 12, 1858, died April 26, 1878; and Dwight F., born July 9, 1860, a farmer of Brighton township. This wife was called from earth August 13, 1876, and was buried in Brighton cemetery. Mr. Seely's present wife, whom he married February 14, 1877, was Mrs. Julia E. Andrus (*née* Smith), widow of John Andrus. In politics Mr. Seely is a Prohibition-Republican, and he and his wife are devout members of the M. E. Church, respected and honored by the entire community.

Morell E. Seely, the subject proper of this sketch, was born May 22, 1842, in Brighton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, on the farm he now owns and lives on. He received a liberal education at the schools of his district, his first teacher being Sarah Boardman, and under his father's careful tuition he was thoroughly posted in the business of general farming. On August 5, 1862, he enlisted, in Brighton township, in Company F, One Hundred and Third O. V. I., and was sent to Camp Cleveland for purposes of drill, joining the command at Covington, Ky. At Knoxville, Tenn., November 25, 1863, he was wounded so severely as to necessitate being sent to hospital. After convalescence he was furloughed, and April 18, 1865, was honorably discharged from the service, and returned to Brighton township, where he worked one year for his father. He then came to his present farm, where his grandfather, Leonard H. Loveland, was then living, and with him made his home until the death of the latter, when the farm was transferred by inheritance to our subject. He has now 214 acres of prime land, on which he carries on general farming, including dairying on an extensive scale, and he is conceded to be one of the best managers and financiers among the agriculturists of his township. As a steady, progressive farmer, he has no superior, and in many ways is a leader in the community.

On September 30, 1868, Mr. Seely was married to Miss Rachel Rulison, who was born February 5, 1852, daughter of James Rulison. She died without issue March 28, 1873, and was buried in Brighton cemetery, and Mr. Seely married, May 18, 1874, her sister, Cordelia, born March 18, 1849. The children by this union are Herbert E., born March 2, 1875, clerk in a bank at Oberlin, Ohio; and Leonard E., born March 22, 1877, residing at home, who takes an active interest in the mechanics, especially in electricity, and who is somewhat of a genius in that direction. In his political preferences our subject is a stanch Republican, and has frequently been elected to office, but invariably declined to serve.

Leonard H. Loveland (deceased), maternal grandfather of Morell E. Seely, was a native of Massachusetts, born in Southfield, Berkshire county, October 3, 1794, a son of Abner Loveland, with whom he lived until he attained his majority. He was educated at the common schools, and studied in spare hours at night by the flickering light of a burning pine log, thus qualifying himself for a teacher, a vocation he followed two years with marked success. On March 13, 1820, he married, at South Brunswick, N. J., Margaret V. Whitlock, born in that town September 10, 1802, and three children were born to them: Abner, Cordelia and Emeline. The mother of these died October 3, 1860, in Wellington, Lorain county, and on August 3, 1862, Mr. Loveland married Mrs. Anna

Rulison, who was born December 22, 1809, in Knox county, N. Y. He passed from earth August 18, 1887, and was buried in Brighton cemetery. Politically he was a Democrat until the firing on Fort Sumter, after which he united with the Republican party. He served as a justice of the peace twenty years, county commissioner two terms, and had charge of the extensive land interests of O. Bliss. As a consistent member of the M. E. Church, he was ever a liberal contributor to same. He was a man of fair legal ability, excellent judgment and sound common sense, while his unswerving personal integrity, and the general rectitude of his life, gained for him an enviable reputation in the community where he was best known.

ARTHUR LOVETT GARFORD, president of the Garford Manufacturing Co., and Cashier of the Savings Deposit Bank Co., Elyria, is a native of that town, born August 4, 1858, and comes of old English lineage.

William Garford, his grandfather, was manager of a large estate in England—where his ancestors had lived for generations. His son, George, father of Arthur L., was a native of that country, born in Northamptonshire, where were passed the earlier years of his life. In 1851 he was married to Miss Hannah Lovett, daughter of Edward and Hannah Lovett, of Kegworth, Leicestershire, England. Mr. Lovett was the proprietor of a large silk and lace factory, and was a manufacturer of wide repute. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lovett lived to a ripe old age, and died in Kegworth but a few years ago. All but one of their children survive them. The eldest son, John Lovett, is at present manager of a large factory in England, and is a genius of high merit. James, another son, served for many years in the British Navy, and is now on the retired list. Five sisters are still living in and around Derby, Derbyshire, England.

In 1853, Geo. Garford, who felt that America offered more favorable opportunities for an ambitious young man, severed his connection with Dr. Daniels, a physician of large practice and repute, in whose service he had been for a number of years, and came alone to the United States and to Ohio; his wife and child, Geo. H., following him to the new western home in 1854. They settled in Elyria township, Lorain county, where he had engaged in landscape gardening, and later on in stock farming. Some of the most picturesque gardens and artificial landscapes in Elyria to-day bear tribute to the early efforts of Mr. Garford. As a stock raiser he achieved a national reputation. For a number of years his stock was to be seen at the Annual State Fairs, where, successively, he bore off the highest awards. For nineteen years prior to 1882 he occupied the Elywood Stock Farm of nearly three hundred acres. Since 1882 he has not been actively engaged in farming personally, his sons, Geo. H. and Charles E., having charge of his interest in a large farm in Ashtabula county, which he now owns. His love for fine stock is still manifest, however, as he continues to raise, in a small way, some very fine horses at his attractive home on Harrison street, in Elyria.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Garford, as follows: Geo. H.; Elizabeth A., wife of C. H. Miser, Conneaut, Ohio; Kate S., wife of Edmund F. Smith, Buckland, Mass.; Arthur L.; Ella Louise, wife of Samuel S. Rockwood, assistant cashier, Savings Deposit Bank Co.; Charles E.; Edith G., and Carrie M. The mother and daughters are all active members of the Episcopal Church. The father, in politics, has always been a stanch Republican, and the sons have grown up in like mind.

Arthur L. Garford was named after C. Arthur Ely—the original owner of Elywood farm—and one of the greatest philanthropists who has ever lived in Elyria.

A. L. Garford

Though a young man when he died, in 1865, his name is yet revered, and his memory kept green by many of the older citizens who knew him, and by the later generation because of his gift of the public library, now one of the greatest attractions of the town. An attraction sprung up between William Arthur Ely—only son of the late Charles Arthur Ely—and the subject of our sketch in very early boyhood, and has continued to exist without interruption ever since. For a number of years Arthur L. made his home with his friend, and widowed mother, and many evidences still exist of the regard in which he was held while thus intimately associated with this family. He received a liberal education at the public schools of Elyria, where he graduated at the age of sixteen years. One year later he entered the arena of business by accepting the cashiership in the large importing house of Rice & Burnett, Cleveland, Ohio. Here his natural ability soon asserted itself, and it was not long before he was promoted to head bookkeeper, being then but eighteen years of age. In this capacity he remained until April, 1880, at which time he resigned on account of ill health—later on accepting the position of bookkeeper in the Savings Deposit Bank, of Elyria.

In 1882 D. B. Andrews, well known as one of the most expert accountants in northern Ohio, resigned the position of teller of the above-named bank, to associate himself with the Mercantile National Bank, of Cleveland, and Mr. Garford was promptly installed in the vacancy, which incumbency he filled until January 1, 1888, when he was promoted to assistant cashier. On the re-organization of the bank, after the death of Mr. T. L. Nelson, its president, in January, 1891, Mr. Garford was further promoted to cashier, and at the same time was elected a director, positions he yet holds.

Outside the routine of office Mr. Garford for several years found pleasure and invigorating recreation in bicycle riding, and while so engaged, not being pleased with the saddle on his machine, his inventive faculties were brought into play, resulting in the invention of an improved bicycle saddle. He had no idea at first of turning his device to any account, but its originality and value being favorably pronounced upon by friends, he applied for and received a patent, which he at once took steps to dispose of. Receiving, however, but little encouragement from proposed purchasers, he concluded to manufacture his invention himself, beginning in a small way. Prospects of success in his enterprise brightening, he associated with him H. S. Follansbee and Fred N. Smith, a partnership being formed under the firm name of "Garford Manufacturing Co.," and at once proceeded to have the saddle placed on the market, the goods being manufactured by the Topliff & Ely Co., of Elyria. This was in 1889–90, from which time the business developed so rapidly, and the demand for the goods increased so fast that in November, 1891, the firm found it expedient to form an incorporated company under the laws of Ohio, with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, the old company turning over their patents, goodwill and business to the new concern for that amount. On May 4, 1892, the works of the Topliff & Ely Co. were badly damaged by fire, and the saddle department completely destroyed, thus causing a large loss to the Garford Mfg. Co.

After mature consideration the directors of the Company concluded to build a factory peculiarly adapted to their business; accordingly, in August, 1892, they began the construction of their present factory in Elyria, the main building of which is 40 x 100 feet, three stories and basement, and is admirably located directly alongside the tracks of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, a spur from which runs to the receiving door in the rear. The basement is used for heavy machinery, the blacksmith shop, spring formers, etc. The

first floor contains the offices—finished in oak throughout—the tool-room and the polishing-room. The second floor is devoted to nickel-plating, buffing and leather-room, in which latter the hide, by special process, is transformed into the perfect saddle top. The upper floor of all is used for shipping purposes, stock and assembling. The engine house is detached from the main building, and the engine has a capacity of 150 horse-power. Although in 1893 the output reached 800 saddles per day, yet the supply proved inadequate to the demand, and the Company found it necessary to largely increase their capacity, and have recently built an addition, containing coal sheds and enameling-room, providing ample storage accommodation. Over one hundred men are now employed in all departments, and during the past six months the factory turned out the enormous number of sixty thousand saddles. In addition to their own goods, leather furnishings for bicycles and several specialties are here made. The present Company at its organization had among its stockholders the following prominent citizens: Hon. W. A. Braman, Hon. Geo. H. Ely, M. M. Ely, J. C. Hill, Hon. Parks Foster, W. A. Ely, G. W. Baker, F. H. Foster, F. P. Hill, H. S. Follansbee, F. N. Smith, and A. L. Garford; the directors being Hon. Geo. H. Ely, Hon. Parks Foster, A. L. Garford, F. N. Smith and H. S. Follansbee. Mr. Garford was elected president; H. S. Follansbee, vice-president; and F. N. Smith, secretary and treasurer. In February, 1893, a suit for infringement brought against the Hunt Manufacturing Co., competing saddle manufacturers, of Westborough, Mass., resulted by way of settlement in two-thirds interest of that company being passed to the Garford Manufacturing Co., and the Company being at once re-organized with a paid-up capital of thirty thousand dollars, A. L. Garford being elected president and a director of same.

The Garford Manufacturing Co. is by far the largest and most extensive exclusive bicycle saddle manufacturing company in the world, and their product enjoys the reputation of being the standard of excellence, and is used almost exclusively by the largest and best manufacturers of bicycles in the United States. Mr. Garford and his associates have become very widely and favorably known among the Cycling fraternity, and prominent manufacturers generally. The following clipping from *Cycling Life*, one of the most prominent Cycling journals, under date of October 19, 1893, illustrates the regard in which Mr. Garford is held by the fraternity.

"Upon starting out in life A. L. Garford must have had conspicuously in front of him the inspiring reflection, now an apothegm, that youth must be served. We behold him to-day the king of the craft of saddle making, and hence well entitled to a place in our gallery of 'Leaders in the Cycle Industry.' Very interesting, indeed, is it to trace the rise of Mr. Garford. The son of a farmer, he must have early become imbued with higher ambitions and aims than most men, for when scarcely out of his 'teens' we find him in a banking institution, from which he graduated with such distinction as falls to the lot of few men. At financing he is an expert, and doubtless it was while engaged in such work that he acquired that solid reputation for integrity which is inseparable from the characters of those who are successful in that line. Some will ascribe his success simply to ability, some to fortunate circumstances and some to the close practice of honorable business principles; but we prefer to credit him with being the rare possessor of all three qualifications, and choose to find the secret of his distinction in the faithful practice of them. It is said of Mr. Garford that the contemplation of his own success does not yield him as much pleasure as it may afford to those who are his biographers in a small way. Perhaps this is because he feels that he is not yet spent —that he has in him the power to climb to greater heights."

On December 14, 1881, Arthur L. Garford was united in marriage with Miss Mary Louise Nelson, second daughter of the late T. L. Nelson, of Elyria, and two children have come to brighten the Garford home—Mary Katharine, born July 17, 1883, and Louise Ely, born July 19, 1885.

Mr. Garford is a stanch Republican, and though frequently approached by friends to allow his name to be used in connection with party office, he has invariably declined all proffered political honors. He is a prominent member of the Royal Arcanum, having occupied all the Chairs of Elyria Council, and is now a past regent. The high school of Elyria has an Alumni Association, of which he has served as president. In addition to his other extensive interests above recounted, he is secretary and treasurer of the Republican Printing Co., of Elyria, and of the Beal Mining Core Drill Co.; is a stockholder in the Sunol Bicycle Co., of Chicago, and of the Topliff & Ely Co., of Elyria; is two-fifths owner of the Fay Manufacturing Co., and a stockholder in the National Bank of Elyria. He was city treasurer for Elyria some five years, resigning in 1892. At the death of T. L. Nelson, his father-in-law, he was one of the executors of the will, and he has since helped in the management of the entire estate. Busy as he is with his endless variety of commercial interests, Mr. Garford yet finds some little time for the farm, and he is the proud owner of some fine-bred horses, noted for both blood and speed, and he is the possessor of considerable real estate in and about the city of Elyria.

Mr. Garford is a typical self-made American, with the strain of British blood in his veins that adds to his American progressive impulses an indomitable will and a tenacity of purpose that are some of his more pronounced characteristics. From a plain farmer's son, he has risen in the commercial world by his own marked executive ability and untiring energy; and though not yet past the heyday of young manhood, he is already prominently identified with nearly every enterprise located in Lorain county.

D. C. NICHOLS, one of the well-to-do, native-born farmer citizens of LaGrange township, is a son of James Nichols, who was born August 9, 1801, in the State of Rhode Island. When six months old James was brought by his father, Stephen Nichols, to Washington county, N. Y., and there remained until eighteen years of age, when he went to Jefferson county, N. Y. His parents followed him to that county some time afterward, and there passed the remainder of their lives.

James Nichols was reared to farm life, and his education was received in the common schools. He was married in Jefferson county, N. Y., at the age of twenty years, to Miss Leonora Johnson, who was born in that county February 14, 1803, daughter of Joshua and Experience (Tibbals) Johnson, who were natives of Connecticut, and early settlers in Jefferson county, N. Y.; the father died at the home of our subject, D. C. Nichols, in LaGrange township, Lorain Co., Ohio; the mother died in Michigan. While residents of New York State children were born to James and Leonora Nichols, as follows: Eliza, now the widow of Bennett Rockwood, of Pittsfield, Lorain county; Cyrus, who died in LaGrange township, October 19, 1891; George, who died when three months old; Philander, a carpenter of Wellington, Ohio; Sarah, who married Dittamus Johnson, and died in LaGrange; Alfred, a carpenter of Lorain, Ohio; and Cordelia, Mrs. William Disbro, of Cass county, Iowa. James Nichols followed farming in New York State, and also worked as a lumberman in the pineries. He owned a small place, which he sold, and in June, 1836, came west to Ohio, via canal to Buffalo, and thence by lake to

Cleveland, from which city he was driven to LaGrange township, Lorain county, where his father-in-law had located some years before. The roads were almost impassible, and it was only after much work that they reached their destination, where for a short time they made their home with Joshua Johnson. Mr. Nichols purchased a tract of land containing fifty acres, on which he made payments, and by hard labor had partly cleared; in spite of his toil he lost his home through an unscrupulous land-dealer. Not being discouraged by his misfortune, however, he purchased fifty acres lying south (the farm on which our subject now resides), which he finally succeeded in paying for, by hard labor, such as chopping and clearing the land, raising what crops he could, and also going to the northern part of the county, where he chopped four-foot wood at two shillings per cord.

After coming here the family was increased by the following children: Miranda, a resident of South Dakota, the widow of Garrison Archer, who was drowned while going to the war, as a recruit; Ozias, who died when five years old; Stephen, a resident of Cass county, Iowa; and D. C., the subject proper of this sketch. After coming to Ohio Mr. Nichols engaged exclusively in agriculture, made for himself a comfortable home, and became a respected, well-to-do citizen. He died on the homestead in May, 1872, his wife September 5, 1864, and both lie buried in LaGrange cemetery. Though Mr. Nichols never made any profession of religion he was a thorough Christian; Mrs. Nichols was a member of the Methodist Church. In politics he was a stanch Republican.

D. C. Nichols, whose name appears at the opening of this sketch, was born May 13, 1847, in LaGrange township, Lorain Co., Ohio. He received his education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his birthplace, and then remained on the home place, engaged in agricultural pursuits, to which he had been trained from boyhood. On January 28, 1869, he was united in marriage with Miss Jeanette Holcomb, who was born October 5, 1845, in LaGrange, a daughter of Asahel and Fannie (Hastings) Holcomb, who were from Jefferson county, N. Y. After marriage the young couple located on the farm where they yet reside, and which he now owns, consisting of 113 acres of land highly improved and equipped with all necessary buildings, etc. To Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have been born children as follows: Charles H. (attending school), Guy S., Claude M. and James A. (all three living at home). In politics our subject was a Republican until 1876, when he became a Democrat.

EDGAR H. HINMAN, probate judge of Lorain county, is a prominent figure in the galaxy of legal lights in the county. He is a native of Ohio, born December 16, 1846, a son of Edward and Mary B. Hinman, the former of whom was born in Catskill, N. Y., the latter in Lee, Mass.; they both came when children to Ohio and to Portage county, where they were married, and here Edward Hinman carried on farming, until his death, which occurred March 7, 1875, in Oberlin, where Mrs. Hinman still makes her home. The first of the Hinman family, in America, came to the United States, from England, in 1655, making a settlement in New England.

The subject proper of this memoir received his literary education at Oberlin College, Ohio, and studied law at Ann Arbor, Mich. In 1864 he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Fiftieth O. V. I. (one hundred-days service), which regiment was stationed around Washington, and participated in the defense of the capital at the time it was attacked by the Confederates. On leaving the army Mr. Hinman went to Missouri, and for one

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year was deputy clerk of the supreme court at St. Joseph, after which he was engaged as foreman in the building of dikes along the Missouri river, preparatory to building a bridge. In 1872 he returned to Ohio, and for a time resided in Oberlin, where he commenced the practice of his profession, but soon afterward moved, in 1873, to North Amherst, in the same county, where he opened an office, practicing law for nearly nine years. For two terms he was mayor of Amherst, resigning this when elected probate judge, upon the duties of which office he entered February 9, 1882. He is now serving his fifth consecutive term, and is also president of the Elyria Savings and Loan Company. His residence is now in Elyria, and has been since 1882.

Judge E. H. Hinman and Miss Ada M. Faxon were united in marriage in November, 1877, and the following named four children were born to them: Harold F., Scott, Lucile and Edgar, the latter of whom died in infancy. Active in politics, the Judge has been chairman of the Republican County Committee about six years, and has been a delegate to State and Congressional conventions. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., of the G. A. R. and K. of P. One of the pleasant incidents of Judge Hinman's life was a trip he made in 1886 to Europe with Hon. E. G. Johnson, of Elyria. Many people will long remember the humorous letters written by Mr. Johnson to home papers, giving accounts of their adventures abroad.

J. W. WILBUR, dealer in general hardware, Wellington, is a native of Canada, born in Markham, near Toronto, Ontario, May 12, 1839.

John Watson Wilbur, father of subject, was born April 14, 1811, in Schodack, N. Y., whence when he had attained his majority he moved to Canada, and for four or five years following farming there. He then removed to Ohio, stopping in Portage county for a few months, after which he came in 1841 to Lorain county, and took up a farm in Huntington township, where he made his home for over thirty-one years, at the end of which time he retired and took up his residence in the town of Wellington, dying there in January, 1891. Politically he was first a Whig, then a Free-soiler and finally a Republican; he was a strict temperance and strong anti-slavery man. In 1837 he married Miss Lucinda Chapman, a native of Canada, born near Toronto, February 23, 1814, and she is yet living. Five children were born to them, as follows: J. W., the subject of this biographical memoir; Henry, born March 23, 1841, residing in Wellington township; George W., born June 7, 1843, a farmer in Hartland township, Huron Co., Ohio; Josiah L., born October 10, 1845, residing in Wellington; and Martha M., born September 12, 1849, died November 5, 1852. The brothers and sisters of John Watson Wilbur were the following: Clark T., born December 24, 1804, now a resident of Darlington, Ontario; Mary, born January 25, 1807, died March 27, 1891 (she married a Mr. Leek, who died in Canada); Phœbe, born July 10, 1809, died in Wellington; Eliza Ann, born February 23, 1813, died in Schodack, N. Y.; George W., born February 8, 1815, died in Canada; Martha, born September 8, 1817, residing in Sullivan, Ashland Co., Ohio; Israel, born November 29, 1819, residing in Canada; and Deborah, born July 13, 1823, died April 30, 1891, in Albany, N. Y. The father of these, Thomas Wilbur, was born October 18, 1780, was a farmer, and died in New York State; his wife was Anna Cline, born June 24, 1783, died August 25, 1862. John Chapman, the maternal grandfather of subject, was born January 27, 1783; he married Margaret Ferris, and their children were as follows: Hannah, born September 9, 1807, deceased; Jerusha C., born July 15, 1809, died January 26, 1889; Martin

Chapman, born August 19, 1811, living in Lorain; Lucinda, mother of our subject, born February 23, 1814; John T., born August 17, 1816; Nathan, born April 3, 1819, residing in Huntington; Laura, born September 15, 1821, deceased; Lorena, born June 24, 1824, living in Cleveland; Lorenzo, born April 8, 1827, living; Thomas, born December 8, 1829; Joseph, born January 8, 183–.

J. W. Wilbur, the subject proper of this sketch, received a liberal education at the common schools, after which he attended select school, working also on the farm till he was eighteen years old, when he came to Oberlin, attending school there some seven months, after which he taught school for some years. On June 15, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Forty-seventh O. V. I., and was assigned to duty in West Virginia. He participated in several engagements, and was ordered to Vicksburg, Miss., being present at both the assaults there. After forty-seven days siege, the regiment proceeded to Jackson, Miss., in the capture of which it participated; thence was transferred to Memphis and Missionary Ridge; took part in the Atlanta campaign, and marched with Sherman to the sea. At Savannah it assisted in the capture of Fort McAllister. Here it was that the dispute arose between the Forty-seventh and Seventieth Ohio as to whose colors were first planted on the fort, but several of Gen. Hagen's staff, who were overlooking the entire movement, decided that the colors of the Forty-seventh were the first to appear on the fort, and the captured flag is now in the State House at Columbus. The regiment set out from Ohio with 870 men, and at the close of the Atlanta campaign there were only 120; after the Atlanta campaign it was re-enforced by 400 drafted men and substitutes. Our subject was mustered out November 11, 1864, the regiment on August 11, 1865. He entered the service as a private, and was mustered out as second lieutenant of his company; when he arrived at home he weighed but ninety pounds. After the war he resided in Huntington township about three months, at the end of which time (February, 1865,) he embarked in the stove and tinning business in Wellington, in company with his uncle, J. B. Lord, which he has since continued in.

In September, 1865, Mr. Wilbur was united in marriage with Miss Anna E. Collins, born October 16, 1841, daughter of Charles and Dorcas (Abbott) Collins, the former of whom was born March 28, 1811, died October 1, 1883, the latter born February 25, 1811, and still living, having her home with her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur. By this union there were three children, viz.: Mabel C., born August 14, 1866, married to D. B. Harris, now in California (they have one child, Zoe); Carl C., born April 29, 1868, a musician, now in California; and Rollin A., at home. In his political preferences our subject is a Republican; socially he is a member of the G. A. R., I. O. O. F., K. of H., Royal Arcanum and National Union.

J. W. DOANE. Columbia township has good reason to feel proud of her wealthy, intelligent farming community, of which the subject of this sketch is a leading member.

Mr. Doane was born March 21, 1831, in Jefferson county, N. Y., a son of Isaiah and Betsy E. (Giddings) Doane, natives of New York State, whence in the fall of 1833 they moved to La Fayette township, Medina Co., Ohio, making a clearing in the woods, and building a log cabin. From there the father came in 1846 to Columbia township, Lorain county, where he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1852. He was twice married: first time to Betsy E. Giddings, who died in Medina county, in 1846; afterward to Hannah Jewett, who passed from earth in 1878, on the farm of the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Doane was a soldier in the war of 1812; in politics he was a pronounced Democrat, and for many years served as a justice of the peace in Medina county. The children born to his first marriage were as follows: Luther W., who died in Medina county at the age of nineteen; Rosella L., widow of Dougal McDougall, of Medina county; Diana H., deceased wife of Levi Herrington; Frank Johnson, residing in Harper county, Kans.; Mary M., widow of Don A. Clark, who died in the service during the Civil war; William H. H., married, and residing in Berrien county, Mich.; Almeda E., widow of Benjamin Chamberlain, of Cuyahoga county, Ohio; Orlando A., married, and residing in Durand county, Wis.; J. W., our subject; Frederick W., who enlisted in the Civil war in Michigan, and died some years ago; Lydia A., who was the wife of A. W. Bishop, of Medina county, and died in York township, Medina county; and Martha B., wife of Gerome Osborne, of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

J. W. Doane received a liberal education at the common schools of Medina county, and was fifteen years old when he came to Columbia township, Lorain county. His lifework from his early boyhood years has been agriculture, and he is now the owner of a good farm of 115 acres, all in a high state of cultivation, and which he has improved, erecting a comfortable residence and commodious barns.

In 1854 Mr. Doane was united in marriage, in Columbia township, Lorain county, with Miss Amelia Hitchcock, a native of that township, daughter of Samuel and Amelia (Osborne) Hitchcock, of Connecticut, who in 1812 came to Lorain county, where they died. By this union two children were born, namely: A son that died in infancy, and Alice, wife of Judd Arthur (she died at the age of twenty-three). The mother of these was called from earth January 3, 1890, and in April, 1892, our subject married Mrs. Melissa Lanphier, widow of Austin Lanphier; she has one child, a daughter named Clara, married to Charles Hutchinson, of Columbia township, Lorain county.

Politically, our subject is a Democrat, and is now serving his fourth term as trustee of his township. He has been a delegate to conventions, and has proven a most useful member of the community, both politically and socially. For about eleven years he served as postmaster at Columbia Station.

EZRA S. JACKSON, for nearly three-score years a resident of Avon township, whither he had come in 1837, is a native of New York State, born in Herkimer county in 1816. He is a son of John and Patience (Payne) Jackson, also of New York State, where the father, who was a farmer, died in 1863; he had served in the war of 1812. His widow came to Avon township, Lorain county, and spent the remainder of her life at the home of her son Ezra S. Jackson, dying in 1876. She had another son, R. P., who came here in 1837, but moved to Michigan in 1863, and died there in 1864.

The subject of these lines received a liberal education at the schools of Herkimer and Cattaraugus counties, N. Y., and in the latter county learned carpentry, which he followed several years. In 1837 he came to Avon township, and erected many buildings in both Lorain and Huron counties, after which he engaged in the business of millwright. In December, 1844, Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Cordelia Q. Moon, a native of Avon township, daughter of Abraham and Theresa (Durand) Moon, early settlers of Avon township, Lorain county, where they died. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, the following being a brief record of same: Theresa, wife of H. A. Kenney, lives in Wisconsin; Jennie is the wife of R. E. Loveland, superintendent of schools at Lodi, Wis.; Ernest S., married,

is county surveyor and resides in Elyria; and Lena is living at home. In 1845 our subject settled on his present farm of 117 acres prime land in Avon township, which he improved from the primeval forest. In his political sympathies he was originally a Whig, later, on the organization of the party, a stanch Republican; he served his township as trustee, and has been a justice of the peace. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are members of the M. E. Church, in which he is steward.

MOSES HERNER LEVAGOOD. This prominent citizen of Elyria is widely and favorably known in business circles, not alone by reason of his public and social positions, but also for his frank, genial and cordial disposition and scholarly attainments.

Mr. Levagood's ancestors came from England, France, Prussia and Holland some two centuries ago, and a more immediate progenitor served in the war of 1812 between this and the mother country. Our subject is a son of George and Sophia E. (Herner) Levagood, the former of whom was a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of New York.

M. H. Levagood was born February 2, 1845, in Wilmot, Ontario, Canada, where he received his literary education. In 1863 he removed to Michigan, and at the age of nineteen years entered into business; but wishing to better fit himself for a commercial career, he entered Bryant, Stratton & Goldsmith Business University, at Detroit, Mich., graduating from same April 15, 1869. Thence proceeding to Adrian, same State, he taught the advanced classes in the science of accounts and mathematics in Evans Business College in that city. In 1871 he entered the employ of Mr. B. P. Howe, sewing machine manufacturer in Detroit, as bookkeeper, and later had charge at Cleveland of Mr. Howe's western correspondence, covering the territory west of the Alleghany Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. This responsible position Mr. Levagood filled with thorough efficiency, but resigned in order to associate himself with a screw factory in Cleveland, which business was in 1874 removed to Elyria, Ohio, its present title being "The Western Automatic Machine Screw Co." With this, the second largest screw manufactory of its kind in the United States, our subject has been actively and officially associated for twenty-one years, and its high position among the manufacturing interests of the country is largely due to his enterprise, good management and fidelity. The following brief sketch of this prominent institution will be read with interest:

The Western Automatic Machine Screw Co., Elyria, Ohio. This establishment, which well merits the distinction of being one of Elyria's most influential and valuable trade exemplars, was founded in the city of Cleveland about 1870, and in 1874 was moved to Elyria. Some twelve years ago it was reorganized, taking the above name, and with abundant capital, combined with superior management, has become a gigantic business enterprise, with large and increasing demands for its productions. When the additional buildings erected this year are fully equipped with machinery, employment will be given to about two hundred and twenty-five men, who, in character and skill are very much above the general average. Under its present supervision its business growth has become phenomenal, so much so that it now ranks as the second largest screw manufactory of its kind in America. Screws and all kinds of special milled pieces are here made, and in almost endless variety, adapted to every conceivable use, and varying in size from the infinitesimal, requiring 15,000 and more to weigh a pound, to the larger sizes, weighing three or more pounds each. The buildings are all of brick, and present an imposing appearance. The main factory is 50 x 150 feet, with an L 44 x 98 feet, four stories high; blacksmith shop 22 x 70 feet; case-hardening shop 38 x 43 feet; engine house 16 x 37 feet; boiler house 34 x 82 feet, one story high; machine and tool shop 35 x 86 feet, and office and warehouse 35 x 105 feet, two stories high. The power is supplied by three engines aggregating three hundred and twenty-five horsepower, and three boilers aggregating five hundred horse-power. To-day this institution is the pride of Elyria, and its business manager, Mr. Levagood, a respected and honored citizen of the place.

On December 4, 1866, Mr. Levagood was united in marriage, at Greenwood, Mich., with Miss Mary J. Nichols, a

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native of Ontario, daughter of Henry B. and Mary (Ayers) Nichols, both of whom were from New York. On December 4, 1891, was celebrated at their residence in Elyria the "silver wedding" of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Levagood, on which occasion a large number of friends responded to the invitation to be present, to whom their host and hostess, in their usual frank and cordial manner, gave hearty welcome. When the guests dispersed it was with the unanimous feeling that this social event was one of the most enjoyable they had ever attended, while a large number of presents were left by them as tokens of their goodwill and respect.

Through all the disappointments and trials incident to human life, Mr. Levagood is always the same genial, hopeful and good-natured man, which makes him an honored and valued member of several Fraternal Orders, and in this respect few in the State have greater prominence. He is a member of King Solomon Lodge, F. & A. M., and treasurer of Marshall Chapter No. 47 Royal Arch Masons, Elyria, Ohio; he is a past officer of the Knights of Honor, Royal Arcanum and the American Legion of Honor, in which latter he has held the responsible State offices of grand trustee and grand treasurer, served two terms as grand commander, is now sitting past grand commander, and is Ohio's representative to the supreme council. He is a member of the city council, now serving as its first president; as vice-president and a director of the Elyria Savings and Loan Co., and president of the Elyria Aid Society. He is a trustee of the First Congregational Church Society, and is actively identified with other charitable and benevolent enterprises. With a generous sympathy, kindliness and a desire to live a helpful life, regardless of class or condition he has a large circles of friends, and has endeared himself to those in his employ, where mutual confidence, goodwill and respect prevail. The natural fruitage of such a life, with a hearty reciprocal response from the members of his family, produces the charm of his home, to which he retires for rest and pleasure, when the duties and responsibilities of the day are laid aside.

The business motto of Mr. Levagood is "never postpone until to-morrow what can and should be done to-day; business first, pleasure afterward." With these characteristics governing his life, his success is but the fulfilling of a natural law, and has earned for him the prominence he has attained in the commercial world.

WILLIAM DOUGLASS, the well-known retired merchant of Kipton, was born June 21, 1835, in Camden township, Lorain Co., Ohio, a son of Robert Douglass, who was born in Lyme, Conn., September 27, 1795.

Robert Douglass, grandfather of our subject, when a young man came with his father's family from Scotland to Connecticut, about the year 1775. He was there married, and reared a family of six children, viz.: Nancy, Lovisa, Prudence, Robert, William and John. The father of these died in Connecticut, where he was an extensive farmer, keeping a large dairy; he also owned and kept slaves to do his work, but finally sold off the slaves, the last two for the sum of eighty-five dollars. After his death the widow, with her six children, removed to Hamilton, New York.

Robert Douglass, father of the subject of this sketch, moved with his widowed mother to Hamilton, N. Y., and soon afterward, in 1817, he married Susan A. Waugh, who was born August 26, 1799, in Camden township, Oneida Co., N. Y. In 1833 he came to Ohio, traveling by canal and lakes to Huron, Erie county, thence by road to Camden township, Lorain county, accompanied the entire trip by Thomas Lee and Gideon Waugh, also heads of families. Mr. Douglass bought twenty-five acres of wild land in Camden township at two dollars and fifty cents per

acre, and the three families settled together, at first erecting a single cabin for the shelter of all, until the Lee and Waugh families could be provided for. In this cabin two years afterward was born the subject of this sketch, and on this farm the parents passed the remainder of their days, the father dying April 19, 1863, the mother April 9, 1856, and they now "sleep the sleep that knows no wakening" in Camden cemetery. Their original twenty-five acres increased from time to time till the property became a farm of considerable size, but prior to his death Mr. Douglass sold off all except the original twenty-five acres; and the old log cabin was superseded by a more modern and comfortable residence. The record of the children born to this honored pioneer couple is as follows: Lovisa, born January 6, 1818, married J. G. B. Babcock, and died in Oswego, N. Y.; Nancy, born October 2, 1819, married B. Bayless, and died in Kipton, Ohio; Adeline, born August 4, 1822, died in New York before her parents removed to Ohio; Charlotte, born January 20, 1825, married A. Boswell, and died in Michigan (she was buried in Camden cemetery); Lucinda, born March 8, 1827, married S. B. Williams, and died at Vermillion, Ohio (she was also interred in Camden cemetery); Robert H., born April 22, 1830, is a resident of Kipton, Ohio; Sally Helen, born October 9, 1832, married Bethel Sabins, and died in Michigan, where she was buried; William, subject of sketch, is spoken of more fully further on; John G., born February 2, 1838, of Cleveland, Ohio; Susan A., born June 5, 1840, Mrs. A. L. Howe, of Cleveland, Ohio; Harrison, born January 13, 1843, who enlisted at the age of eighteen in Company H, Forty-third Regiment O. V. I., and was killed February 3, 1865, at River's Bridge, S. C., after having served through four years of the war. Politically Mr. Douglass was for several years an Old-line Whig, in later years a stanch Republican and a strong Abolitionist, sheltering many a fugitive slave on his way to freedom in Canada. He held several township offices, and was in all ways a most useful member of the community. As a sportsman he was a keen shot, and as there was abundance of game of all sorts, including deer, turkeys, etc., his home was seldom without a well-stocked larder, and his neighbors were abundantly supplied by him with wild meat. He and his wife were of the close communion Baptist faith, as early members of the church at Center.

William Douglass, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education in a primitive old log schoolhouse situated about three-fourths of a mile from his home, and this was the only one he ever attended. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-one years old, when he found employment in the woods, making staves; and being a powerful young man, he was able to earn good wages. Up to his twenty-fifth year he divided his time between helping his parents, who needed his assistance, and making a little money for himself. A land grant his father had secured for services in the war of 1812, and which consisted of 160 acres in Mower county, Minn., was bought by our subject, and he remained thereon for some time. In 1860 he came to Kipton, Camden township, Lorain county, and traded this land for a stock of groceries, and the rent of a building in Kipton for two years. From the time he opened out his business, he continued in it thirty successive years, and not long after commencing he bought also the building, then a frame one. His trade expanded so that in course of time he had to put up a substantial brick store, which he still owns. In 1888 he disposed of his stock of dry goods and groceries, since when he has been living in retirement. A couple of months each year he spends in an elegant lakeside cottage he owns at Linwood, Ohio, and his leisure time is spent in fishing and hunting.

On July 3, 1862, Mr. Douglass was united in marriage with Josephine Ransom, born January 16, 1843, at Berlin Heights, Erie Co., Ohio, daughter of Russel M. and Caroline (Tenant) Ransom, and the child born to them is Cora C., born July 26, 1863, wife of O. L. Wright, of Toledo, who has one child, Gurtha D., born July 5, 1886. Republican in his political sympathies, our subject's first Presidential vote was cast for J. C. Fremont, and he has frequently been solicited to accept office, but invariably declines, his business interest at such times demanding all his attention. He and his faithful life partner are consistent members of the Disciple Church.

CHARLES ALEX. TWINING, one of the most prosperous and wealthy of the prominent farmers of Henrietta township, is a native of the State of New Jersey, born in Hunterdon county May 23, 1821.

Samuel Twining, father of subject, was born February 22, 1796, in Hunterdon county, N. J., and moved his family to Broome county, N. Y., in 1823, where he died April 10, 1831. On September 23, 1815, he married Elizabeth Stout, who died October 17, 1882. Her people were wealthy, but on the death of her parents she lost all that she became heiress to. Samuel was a farmer, miller, cloth-dresser and distiller, and at the time of his death owned fifty acres of land near Binghamton, N. Y. He left five children, a mother-in-law and sister-in-law for our subject to assist in providing for, and, although the latter was but ten years old when his father died, he was the "main spoke in the wheel."

Charles A. Twining, whose name opens this sketch, received but a limited education at the subscription schools of the place of his nativity. On October 18, 1842, he was married, by Squire Jesse Richards, to Miss Nellie Schermerhorn, and for about seven years thereafter they continued to reside in Broome county, N. Y. In 1849 they came to Lorain county, Ohio, and Mr. Twining, having saved some five hundred dollars from his earnings, bought a small piece of land in Pittsfield township, Lorain county, where he resided three years. At the end of this time he sold out to his three brothers and returned to Broome county, N. Y., where he bought the old home farm formerly owned by his father. After residing here three years he sold out, returned to Ohio, and bought a farm in Camden township, Lorain county. Sold this farm and bought in Russia township; sold this and bought a farm in Henrietta township, which he still owns. In 1888 he built a comfortable modern dwelling, situated in Henrietta township, and his property has increased from time to time till he now owns 720 acres of prime farm land, divided into seven farms, with good buildings. He has owned farms in Brownhelm and West Henrietta, and in Erie county, in Florence township; three farms in West Clarksfield, Huron county, Brighton township, Lorain county, and Wakeman, Huron county, and resided on all of these except the one in Wakeman. He has given his daughter Sarah Ann a good farm in Camden township, and has settled his six living sons on good farms, and has also dealt quite extensively in live stock.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Twining, as follows: Mrs. Sarah Ann Gibson, living in Clarksfield, Huron Co., Ohio; Herbert, deceased; Orlando, deceased; William T., living on the home farm, near his father; Gertrude E., deceased; Alva P., Floyd O., Virgil L., Perry E. and Fred A., on farms near their father; and one that died in infancy. The entire family are members of the Baptist Church, except Perry, who is a member of the Methodist Church, and all brought up in the path of Christian rectitude, which they have in no instance deviated from. The sons have never used liquor or tobacco

in any form. Mr. Twining in his political affiliations has always been a stanch Democrat, and has served his county to the best of his ability, and held offices of trust. Mr. Twining formerly belonged to the Methodist Church, where he was class-leader and superintendent of Sabbath-schools for a number of years, and also held an exhorter's license. In 1866 Mr. Twining spent one year with his family in Ocean county, N. J., stopping at a pleasure resort in Point Pleasant.

NATHANIEL MARTIN, who for the past quarter of a century has been identified with the agricultural interests of Columbia township, is a native of England, born in Devonshire in 1830.

His parents, John and Sarah (Osborn) Martin, were also natives of Devonshire, where they spent their entire lives, the mother dying in 1844, the father at the age of eighty-eight years. They had a family of six children (four of whom came to America), as follows: Mary was the wife of Edward Spetigue, and died in England, leaving a family; Maria, who was the wife of John Tubb, went to Australia, and there she died leaving six children; Jeremiah, who came with our subject to Lorain county, where he owned a farm, and thence moved to Jasper county, Mo.; John, who came to Lorain county in 1849, located first in Ridgeville township, then became a resident of Eaton township, and finally of Columbia (he is now living in Pennsylvania); Nathaniel, the subject of this sketch; and Jane, wife of William Palmer, of Eaton township.

Nathaniel Martin was reared and educated in the land of his birth, and in 1863 was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Moyse, a native of Cornwall, England, whence in 1867 they came to the United States, settling at once in Columbia township, Lorain Co., Ohio. Here Mrs. Martin died in 1869, leaving three children, viz.: John R., Elizabeth E., and Anna Maria, who is now teaching in Antwerp, Ohio. In 1870 Mr. Martin was married, in Columbia township, for his second wife, to Mrs. Caroline (Ruple) Reed, daughter of Dr. Boltis and Clarissa (Osborn) Ruple, natives of Connecticut, who in an early day came to Columbia township, Lorain county, where the father died; the mother, who is now in the ninety-fourth year of her age, still survives.

Since coming to Lorain county Mr. Martin has engaged in agriculture and he now owns a good farm of seventy-six acres, in an excellent state of cultivation. He read medicine in Columbia township, and also attended Cincinnati Medical College, graduating therefrom in 1879, and subsequently practiced his profession for some years. He now conducts a general farming business, operating 216 acres in Lorain and Medina counties. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, and has been a member of the school board. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Martin are both members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at West View.

JOSEPH H. MULL, junior proprietor of the Oberlin *Citizen*, has been identified with the printing business for the past seventeen years, rising from "devil" to "boss." For the most part he was employed on local papers in Oberlin, and in job offices, and in 1892 became associated with Mr. Disbro in the publication of the *Citizen*, a flourishing weekly, in Oberlin.

Mr. Mull was born in November, 1857, in Dubuque county, Iowa, a son of Jacob and Almira (Sage) Mull, natives, the father of Pennsylvania, the mother of Connecticut. In the early days of Iowa as a State they moved thither, locating in Dubuque county, whence in 1860 they came to Ohio, where the father died in 1891; his widow is now living in Pittsfield township, Lo-

rain county. He was a farmer by vocation, in politics a Republican, and was a member of the Christian Church.

The subject of our sketch was educated in the schools of Pittsfield, and in the preparatory department of Oberlin College, after which he embarked in the printing business, as already narrated. In 1884 he was married to Olivia Stone, and they have had four children, two being deceased, Ernest at the interesting age of three years; those yet living are George and Julia. In his political sympathies Mr. Mull is a Republican; socially he is a member of Oberlin F. & A. M. Lodge, No. 380.

FLOYD M. PELTON is a son of David C. Pelton, who was born February 4, 1800, in Hartford, Washington Co., N. Y., a son of James Pelton, who was among the earliest pioneers of LaGrange township, having settled there in 1824.

David C. Pelton married Lydia Dodge, who was born March 12, 1807, and they had six children, four of whom lived to be named, as follows: Maria, Martha, Mary and Charles; the last named of these came to Ohio with his father, and is now a farmer in the State of Illinois. The mother of these died, and in 1832 Mr. Pelton was married, in New York, for his second wife, to Hannah Smith, and in the fall of 1833 started with his wife and one child for Ohio, where his father, James, had been living, as will be seen, for some few years. They came by way of canal and lake to Cleveland, and thence drove to Lorain county, locating in the eastern part of LaGrange township, near his father. He remained there eight years, and then removed to the western part of the township (then a very wild section, and all new country, the roads not being cut), locating on the farm where our subject now resides. By his second wife he had ten children, viz.: Lydia, Mrs. Charles Crowner, of LaGrange; Mary, married to Manford Ripley, now of Eaton county, Mich.; Clark, of Cheboygan, Mich.; James K., of Waukesha, Wis.; John, of Rising Sun, Wood Co., Ohio; Grovener, who enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Third Regiment, and died in hospital at Hickman's Bridge, Ky., where he was buried; Adeline, Mrs. Edward Beaver, of LaGrange; Hannah, Mrs. Thomas Cornell, of Eaton county, Mich.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Lawrence VanWarner, of Elsie, Mich.; and Winfield, a farmer of Eaton county, Mich. The mother of these died June 30, 1852, and was buried in LaGrange, and for his third wife he married a native of New York State, Mrs. Mary (Tippin) Burns, widow of Thomas Burns. By this union there were five children, as follows: One that died in infancy unnamed; Clarissa, who married Augustus Vanlinder, and died in New York in 1885, leaving five children; Sylvester, who died young in 1864; one died of spotted fever when seven or eight years old; and Floyd M., subject of this memoir. Mr. Pelton died on his farm February 11, 1890, being then over ninety years old, and was buried in LaGrange township. Politically he was a Republican. After his death his widow resided on the home farm with our subject; she died September 8, 1893, at the age of eighty-three years.

Floyd M. Pelton was born June 18, 1860, in LaGrange township, youngest of the twenty-one children of David C. Pelton. He attended the common schools of his day, and was reared a farmer boy, receiving his first instructions under the direction of his father, on the farm he now owns and resides upon. He was united in marriage June 18, 1879, with Miss Lottie Johnson, who was born September 15, 1864, in LaGrange, daughter of Elijah and Lydia (Haines) Johnson, and they have had four children: Cora B., Mary E., Clara M. and Charles W. Since his father's death Mr. Pelton has had charge of the home farm, which he now owns, and to which he has added eighty acres, making

him in all a tract of 160 acres. He has met with some misfortunes, having had his barns destroyed by fire three times, but he has rebuilt each time, and in 1891 he erected one of the finest and most convenient barns in the township. He also conducts a dairy in connection with his farming operations, and has at present thirty-eight fine Holstein cattle. He is also a member of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. He is an energetic, hard-working man, and has been very prosperous. Politically he is a Republican, and has held various township offices; in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church of LaGrange.

HENRY WISE, one of the progressive German agriculturists of Grafton township, was born in Byron, October 5, 1847, a son of Peter Wise, who was born November 5, 1810, also in Byron, and married a native of that place in the person of Miss Louisa Miller, born May 18, 1817.

In 1853 the family, consisting of father, mother and six children—Louisa, Fredericka, Henry, Lewis, Frederick and Christian—set sail from Havre, France, for the United States, and after a voyage of twenty-one days landed at New York toward the latter part of December. From that port they came west to Liverpool, Medina Co., Ohio, by way of Hudson river, Erie Canal and lake Erie to Cleveland, from which point Peter's brother brought them by wagon to Liverpool township, Medina county, where they arrived on Christmas Day. In Germany Peter Wise had been well-to-do, but through going security for a friend, who afterward failed in business, he lost over two thousand dollars. In Liverpool township, Medina county, he rented a farm for a short time, and then removed to Columbia township, Lorain county, later coming to Grafton township, same county, where he bought fifty acres of wild land on credit, and here lived seven years, at the end of which time he moved to the farm whereon he died August 8, 1886; his wife had passed away June 19, 1883, and both are interred in Belden cemetery. In Ohio the family was increased by three children, as follows: Hannah J., born September 11, 1857; Catherine S., born September 12, 1859; and Jacob J., born July 25, 1864. The parents were hard-working, industrious people, accumulating a comfortable competence, and they were honored and respected by all.

Henry Wise, whose name introduces this sketch, was six years old when his father and family came to America and to Ohio. Before leaving Germany he had attended a Kindergarten for a time, and after coming here he received the rest of his education at a German school, but he never entered an English educational institution. While yet a lad he was put to work on his father's farm, where he remained until he was fourteen years old, at which time he commenced work for Benjamin Corning at six dollars per month, all his earnings being turned over to his parents to help pay for the home. On March 28, 1870, Mr. Wise married Mary Law, who was born March 13, 1851, in Grafton township, Lorain county, daughter of Jacob Law, and children as follows were born to them: Twins (stillborn), Rosa, Bertha, Alice, Edith, Amanda, Elmer, Anna, Lorena, Agnes, Henry and Ralph. In 1871 he and his brother Lewis purchased land, going into debt nine thousand six hundred dollars for it, and the predictions of many were that "the Wise boys would fail." But these ominous words were not fated to come true, for "the Wise boys" did not fail; on the contrary they succeeded, by dint of hard work and judicious economy, in paying off every dollar of the indebtedness. At the end of thirteen years (in 1886) the brothers effected an amicable division of the property, each one settling on his own share. Our sub-

ject has an excellent piece of land and a good home, equipped with all modern improvements, including commodious outbuildings. Politically he is a Democrat, and he and his family are members of the Lutheran Church of Liverpool, Ohio.

JOSEPH S. WHITNEY, retired agriculturist, well known and highly respected in Lorain county, now residing in the town of Camden, is a typical "Green Mountain Laddie," born July 10, 1814, in Bennington county, Vermont.

Joseph Whitney, father of subject, first saw the light in Westminster, Mass., February 21, 1785, a son of Elisha Whitney, and April 27, 1811, was married to Abigail Townes, who was born January 22, 1791, in Andover, Vt., where she was married. After their marriage they continued to live in Vermont till 1838, when they came to Ohio, making a settlement in Pittsfield township, Lorain county, the entire family (excepting two sons, who had preceded them) making the journey in a wagon, the trip occupying three weeks. The head of the family had in 1833 made a prospecting visit to Lorain county, coming by way of the lakes. and at that time bought the land in Pittsfield township to which the family afterward removed, as above related. The two sons, spoken of as having preceded the rest, came, Joseph S. in 1836 and Aaron in 1837; and in preparing the new home they cleared thirty acres of land, and erected a rude frame house in which the family lived after their arrival. Here the parents died, the father May 2, 1877, at the patriarchal age of nearly ninety-three years, the mother on May 3, 1872, and they lie buried in Pittsfield cemetery. Mr. Whitney was owner of a fine farm in Vermont, and was worth two thousand dollars at the time of his coming to Ohio; when he died his estate was valued at twenty thousand dollars. His political proclivities were of a pronounced type, at first as a strong Whig, and later as a stanch Republican. He and his wife were members of the Congregational Church. Their children, all born in Vermont, were Hannah T. and Abigail (twins), born July 5, 1812, of whom Hannah married Reuben Stone, in Vermont, and died in Oberlin, Ohio (Abigail died in infancy); Joseph S., born July 10, 1814, who is the subject proper of this memoir; Aaron T., born July 5, 1816, who died in 1870, in Collinwood, Ohio; Mark, born December 17, 1818, a farmer of Russia township, Lorain county; Augustine, born December 27, 1820, of Pittsfield township; Richard, born February 16, 1823, of Grinnell, Iowa; Susan A., born July 20, 1825, who married John Mills, and died in Pittsfield; Norman, born January 20, 1828, of Anthony, Kans.; Ira, born September 13, 1829, of Harper county, Kans., where he owns over 1,200 acres; and Loren, born February 26, 1833, of Texas.

The subject of our sketch received but a limited education at the subscription schools of his native place, consisting of two months' tuition during a few winters; but what he lacked in that respect he made up for by after-study, and a close observation of men and things. In 1836 his father sent him to Ohio to prepare a new home for the family, as above related, and in this then wild locality he did many a hard day's work, being a stout, active young man, and frequently had encounters with wild animals who were disposed to assert their prior right to the forest wilds. After his marriage he and his bride settled on 100 acres of land in Pittsfield township, which he had bought on credit, and here they lived four years, their house being an old log cabin, very much the worse for age and exposure to the elements, and through the many cracks between the logs would often creep into "the sacred penetralia of the home" snakes and other reptiles. Buying another farm near by, Mr. Whitney lived there many years; then for two years

made his home in Brownhelm township, same county, and then returning to Pittsfield township lived there till 1870, in which year he came to Camden township, taking up his residence at Kipton, where he has since lived a retired life.

On September 19, 1839, Mr. Whitney was married, in Sullivan, Ashland Co., Ohio, to Lucy A. Ward, who was born October 7, 1818, in Orwell, Vt., a daughter of James and Lucy (Abel) Ward, who came to Ohio in July, 1836, locating in Pittsfield township, Lorain county. The children born to this union are four in number, of whom the following is a brief record: Melva A. is the wife of Roswell Adams, of Wellington, Ohio; Agnes A. is the wife of E. Jones, of Fostoria, Ohio; Everetta H. is the wife of Frank Sheffield, of Pittsfield township; Mary M. is an educated young lady of Cleveland, Ohio. Politically our subject was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and he held various offices of trust in Pittsfield township. On September 19, 1889, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney celebrated their golden wedding; and they are yet hale and hearty, enjoying in their declining years the good will and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

F. H. FOSTER, member of the flourishing clothing firm of Baker & Foster, Elyria, was born in Carlisle township, Lorain Co., Ohio, December 7, 1849, a son of I. B. and Hannah (Taylor) Foster, natives of Tompkins county, N. Y., the father born September 12, 1822, died July 7, 1882, and the latter born March 2, 1828, in Enfield, died February 4, 1890.

Both parents were reared on farms, and received common-school educations. They were married in their native county, and moved westward to Ohio, settling in Carlisle township, Lorain county, about the year 1847. They had four children, viz.: F. H.; Frederick K., now a farmer at Saint John's, Clinton Co., Mich.; DeWitt, a farmer, now residing at Oberlin, Ohio; and Charles H., a clerk with the firm of Baker & Foster. Our subject's paternal grandparents were both natives of New York State, where they passed their entire lives, and were descended from old Massachusetts stock. The maternal grandparents were of the same nativity, and the grandmother is yet living, now at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

I. B. Foster, father of subject, was by trade a carpenter and joiner and cabinet maker. After coming to Lorain county he followed the business of contracting and building, was recognized as a first-class mechanic, and had in his employ at times as many as thirty hands. His health failing, however, he abandoned this line of trade, taking up fruit culture, including tree grafting, and also carried on a mercantile business in a small way at LaPorte, in Lorain county, up to the time of his death, which occurred at his home in LaPorte. He was very active in business, and made a success of it. In politics he was a strong Republican, and a pronounced temperance advocate and Abolitionist, often concealing in his house run-away slaves during the "Underground Railroad" period. His wife was a slight, delicate woman, and, like her husband, was possessed of strong religious convictions. They were married November 1, 1846.

F. H. Foster, subject of these lines, remained with his parents till he was nineteen years old, attending during the winter months the schools of LaPorte, Lorain county, and working in the summer season. He got some ideas of mercantile business in his father's store, and always had an ambition to lead a commercial life. At the age of nineteen he left the paternal roof, and proceeded to Oberlin, in the same county, where he entered the employ of J. M. Johnson & Son, with whom he remained two years and four months;

Frank H. Foster

then came to Elyria, and for seven years clerked with Starr Brothers & Co., general merchants. In both these houses Mr. Foster filled positions with ability and energy in all departments, and during the last three or four years he was with the last named firm he had charge of the clothing and manufacturing of clothing, becoming a thorough expert in all the departments of that branch of the business. Leaving the firm of Starr Brothers & Co. on account of their going out of business, he entered into an equal partnership with G. W. Baker, under the firm name of Baker & Foster, and in 1878 they bought out the clothing department of Baldwin, Lersch & Co.; since then they have been the leading clothiers in Elyria. Both are admirably adapted to the trade, having had long experience in the business, and being well known to the public. They commenced in a careful, conservative way, and as business increased enlarged their premises, making three additions to their rooms; after which they bought out Cogswell & Co., and added their late room to their own store. Mr. Foster is one of the best buyers and salesmen to be found anywhere, and in discretion and judgment in both buying and selling he has no superior in the State. He does all the buying for the firm.

Mr. Foster was married, November 1, 1871, to Miss Emma Inez Prindle, a native of Carlisle township, Lorain county, born October 6, 1851. She is a daughter of H. H. and Christiana Elizabeth (Spafford) Prindle, the former of whom was born about the year 1822 in Carlisle township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he lived and died, the latter born in Richfield, Summit Co., Ohio, January 13, 1822, and died at Elyria, Ohio, October 13, 1885, aged sixty-three years, eight months and twenty-eight days. Mrs. Emma Inez Foster was educated in the country schools till the age of fourteen, when she came to Elyria to attend the high school there, making her home during that time with her grandparents. She is the mother of two children: Clarence H., born October 21, 1877, and Maud Inez, born December 15, 1881.

Politically Mr. Foster is a Republican; socially he is a Master Mason and a member of the Royal Arcanum. He is interested in the Independent Horse and Cattle Company at North Park, Colo., and for recreation and the benefit of his health he makes frequent trips to that place. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church.

REV. J. A. SCHMIDT, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Elyria, was born April 5, 1854, in Shelby county, Ohio, the fifth child of J. A. and Rosina (Bertch) Schmidt, both of whom were born in Wurtemberg, Germany. After coming to this country they lived in Ohio and Indiana; the mother died in 1892; the father is now a resident of Liverpool, Ohio.

The subject of this sketch received his literary education in part at Fort Wayne, Ind., and pursued his theological studies at Concordia College, St. Louis, Mo., where he graduated in 1877, in July of which year he was ordained. Coming, then, direct to Elyria, he took charge of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. The appointments in the parish were poor, a small frame edifice serving as church, parochial school and pastoral residence. By and by Mr. Schmidt agitated among his flock the question of building new accomodations for the flock and pastor, and as a result of his labors the Evangelical Lutheran Church building, schoolhouse and pastoral residence are among the finest buildings in Elyria. The congregation have never solicited aid from outside sources, it being a principle of the denomination that to donate to Church work is a privilege and purely a matter of religion.

Mr. Schmidt was united in marriage, April 22, 1878, with Miss Johanna

Schwan, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of Rev. H. C. Schwan, D. D., and Emma (Blum) Schwan, the former of whom is a native of Hanover, Germany, the latter of Brazil, South America; they reside in Cleveland, Ohio. To this union have been born the following named four children: Stella, Flora, Esther and George. In politics our subject is independent. At Grafton, Ohio, he has a station which he visits monthly to preach the good tidings of salvation.

WILLIAM N. SHOOP, one of the foremost citizens of Grafton township, was born May 31, 1828, in Fairview township, York Co., Penn., son of Peter and Susan (Nelson) Shoop, who were of German extraction.

Our subject received a common-school education, attending school during the winter season, and doing chores for his board, his duties being so numerous that he was obliged to labor very industriously to perform all the work assigned to him before school began. Thus he struggled on until he was sixteen years of age, when he commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade, working for one year under John Whitmer, of White Hill, Cumberland Co., Penn., and then for two and a half years under James Denning, on Third street, Harrisburg, Penn. He was then employed for a short time at Baltimore, Md., in a shop on Utah street, when failing health compelled him to give up the trade, and he obtained work in the limekilns along the Lebanon pike from Harrisburg, Penn. In 1849 his father died, and was buried in Fairview township, York Co., Penn., by the side of the mother, who had preceded him to the grave in 1841. They left five children, of whom William N. was the youngest; the latter was taken sick after his mother's death with a disease very much like la grippe, and during his illness incurred a doctor's bill of five dollars, to settle which he gathered roots and herbs after his recovery.

After the death of his parents, being dissatisfied with his wages, Mr. Shoop concluded to migrate to Ohio, and came to West Salem, Wayne county, but failing to find work there, walked to Westfield township, Medina county, carrying his budget. He worked for twelve dollars a month until October, 1854, when he returned to Harrisburg, Penn., remaining there until the following spring, when, in company with three other young men, he started for St. Paul, Minn., traveling by rail to Galena, Ill., and thence by boat to their destination. He found employment with a surveying corps (then laying out Stillman's addition to St. Paul), but after a short time returned to northern Illinois, working near Freeport, Stephenson county, until the spring of 1856. He then went to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where he helped to burn the brick for the college of that place; and then returning to his native State, remained there for some time. In the latter part of 1858 he returned to Ohio, and locating in Westfield, Medina county, engaged in farm work for about one year, when, his health failing, he obtained a situation with the Ohio Farmers Insurance Company, his former employer signing his bond for two thousand dollars. He commenced his career in March, 1860, in Grafton township, Lorain county, making his first business call at and taking his first risk on the house in which he was afterward married, and which subsequently came into his possession. Though he had no experience whatever in the insurance line, during the first year alone he increased the number of applications from 123 (the highest number obtained by his predecessor) to 365. He subsequently worked in portions of Erie, Huron, Cuyahoga, Logan, Union, Knox and Champaign counties, Ohio, and for various companies, continuing in business until 1872.

On December 22, 1863, Mr. Shoop was married to Miss Sarah Thorp, who was born May 15, 1843, in Grafton, daughter of Ira S. and Sarah (Johnston) Thorp, and

to their union has come one child: Jessie, Mrs. John G. Gardner, of Grafton township. In 1867 he removed to his present farm, and here, since 1872, has been successfully engaged in general agriculture. In political faith he is a Republican, and has served in various township offices. Mr. Shoop is one of the representative self-made men of Grafton township. He is a leader in public affairs, and his opinions on agricultural subjects are highly valued. As a citizen, he is public spirited, progressive and enterprising, and is ready to assist in every measure tending to benefit the community in general.

THOMAS CHOPE, a representative prosperous agriculturist of Columbia township, of which he is a native, was born in April, 1841.

His parents, Thomas and Ann (Rowlan) Chope, natives of England, where they married, came in the year 1835 to the United States and to Ohio, first locating on the Public Square, Cleveland, whence they moved to Columbia township, Lorain county, where they settled in the woods and commenced clearing a farm. Their first piece of land was thirty acres which they improved, and they added thereto from time to time till it is now a fine property of 230 acres. Here they passed the remainder of their days, the father dying in 1884, a lifelong Whig and Republican, the mother in 1885. They had a family of four children, all now deceased except our subject, their names being Thomas, William (deceased at the age of twenty-four), Mary (deceased when twenty-two years old) and Ann (who died at the age of eighteen).

Thomas Chope, the subject proper of this sketch, was educated at the schools of his native township, and learned the butchering business, which he followed for some years in Cleveland and Chicago. After the death of his father he took up farming, which has since been his life work, and he is now the owner of 125 acres, all in a good state of cultivation; on it he erected, in 1890, a commodious barn, 40 x 60, standing on twenty posts. In 1863 he was married, in Columbia township, to Miss Addie Van Dorn, by whom he had five children, viz.: Clara, born in 1865, married in 1891 to A. Roth, of Columbia township; Charles W., born in 1867, married to Miss Ida Robins in 1891, and has a daughter, Florence M., born in May, 1892 (he resides in Strongsville, Cuyahoga county); Edward T., born in 1872, married to Miss Percy Viola Hillman in 1890, and has one son, Clyde A., born in 1891 (they reside in Cleveland); one son, born in 1878, died at the age of three months; Henry, born in 1882, is living at home. Politically Mr. Chope is a straight Republican, and he takes a lively interest in all matters tending to the advancement of his township and county.

NKELLING. The Kingdom of Prussia has given to the United States not a few of her steadiest, most progressive, useful and loyal citizens, and this volume would be incomplete were prominent mention not made of the gentleman here named, a native of Prussia.

Mr. Kelling was born March 22, 1829, a son of John and Catherine (Schuster) Kelling, also natives of Prussia, farmers, who in 1844 set sail with their family from Antwerp for the New World. Arriving after a voyage of fifty-two days at New York, they proceeded westward to Ohio, reaching Sheffield township, Lorain county, in August, same year, and here they settled on the farm whereon our subject now lives. The father died in December, 1845, the mother in March, 1887. They reared a family of eight children, as follows: George, married, and residing in Sheffield township; N., subject of sketch;

Michael, married, and living in Sheffield township, Lorain county; John, married, and now in Pennsylvania; Joseph, married, and a resident of Elyria, Ohio; Elizabeth, wife of Anton Junglas, of Salem, Mich.; Anton, married, and residing in Elyria, Ohio; and Jacob, somewhere in the West.

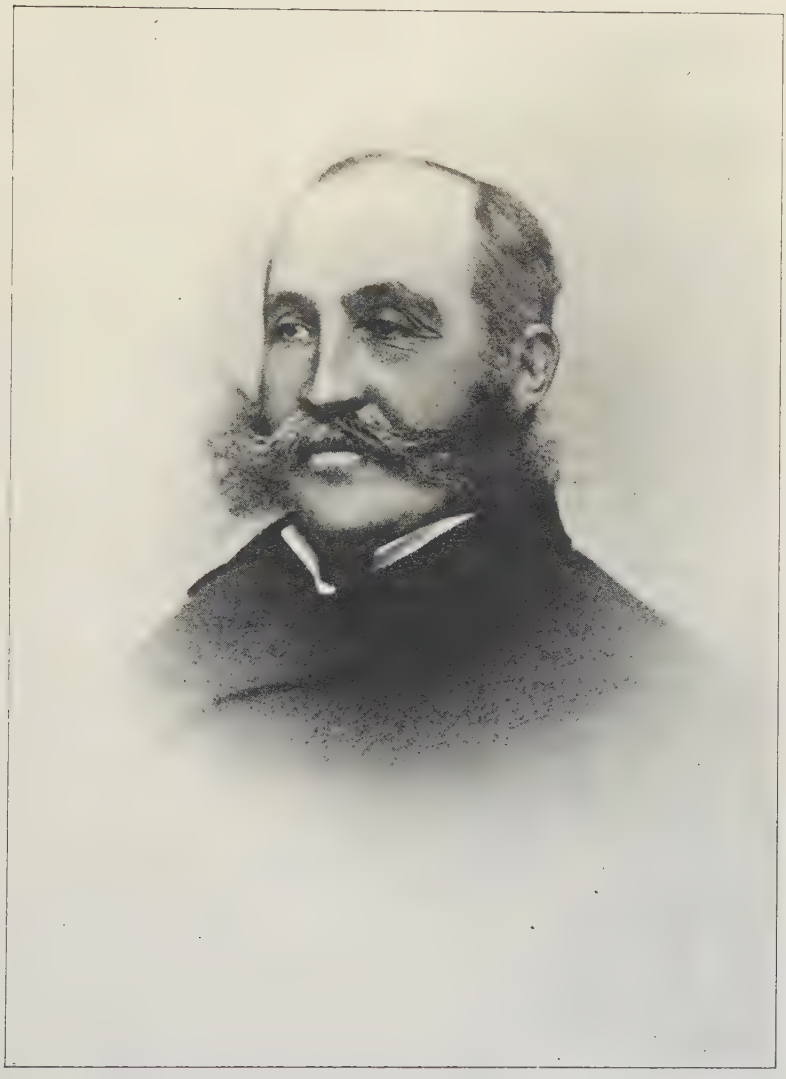
N. Kelling, whose name opens this sketch, received his education at the schools of his native place, and was fifteen years old when the family came to America. In their new home in Sheffield township he assisted in clearing up the farm, and converting the forest wild into smiling fields of golden grain. For a trade he learned that of carpenter and joiner, at which he worked some ten years in Cleveland; three years at Wellington, Lorain county, and built a church at East Avon; he also worked for a time at boat building. In 1865 he settled down to agricultural pursuits, and bought the old homestead of fifty-three and three-quarters acres of land, to which he has since added till he now owns 120 acres, all in a high state of cultivation. In 1854 Mr. Kelling was united in marriage, in Sheffield township, with Margaret Diederich, who was born in Prussia in 1833, and died in Sheffield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, in 1855. To this union was born one child, Gertrude, who is the wife of Chris Laubenthal, of Ridgeville, and has four children. In 1858 Mr. Kelling married, for his second wife, Miss Anna Mary Diederich, who died in 1875, and by that marriage there were six children, as follows: Katie, wife of Thomas Monroe, of Elyria, Ohio, has three children; Margaret, married to Andrew Ferner, died in March, 1884, leaving one son; Mary, wife of Peter Schneider, of Kansas, has three children; Thursa, wife of Michael Sterbenc, has one child; John, married, resides in Elyria, Ohio; and Eva, in Atlanta, Ga. In 1875 Mr. Kelling married, for his third wife, Miss Ferner Kunne, a native of Prussia, and five sons have been born to them, named respectively: Andrew, Peter, Henry, Conrad and Barney. In his political sympathies our subject is a Democrat, and he has been township trustee and supervisor. He has been postmaster at Crandall, Lorain county, since 1878, the office being at his residence. Mr. and Mrs. Kelling are members of the Catholic Church.

P. D. REEFY, M. D., a prominent physician of Elyria, is an Ohioan by birth. He received a common-school education at the district school, which he attended three months in the winter, working on the farm the balance of the year.

At the outbreak of the Civil war, while yet a boy in his "teens," he enlisted in Company F, Nineteenth O. V. I., as private, and served from September 7, 1861, to November 25, 1865, with the army of the Cumberland. He was engaged in all the battles fought by that army, from Shiloh to its last general battle at Nashville, in December, 1864, participating, altogether, in eighty-four engagements. He held every rank from private to captain; served as adjutant of his regiment for one year; commanded a company two years; served on the staff of Maj.-Gen. Wood as mustering officer of the Third Division, Fourth Army Corps; served as ordnance officer of the Central District of Texas, and as assistant adjutant-general on the staff of Maj.-Gen. Sam. Beatty.

Immediately after the war our subject spent two years at school, and in 1867 he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he studied medicine, and graduated in 1869. At Bellevue Hospital, N. Y., he spent half a year, and in 1871 graduated from Cleveland Medical College. In 1873 he went to Europe, and studied in Vienna and Berlin, returning to Ohio in 1874, since when he has been in active practice at Elyria.

In 1877 Dr. Reefy was married to Libbie Mountaine, to which union have been



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added two rollicking children, Karl and Bessie. In politics and religion the Doctor is strictly independent; neither party nor creed can hold him in alliance, but he acts on the impulse of his own opinion, caring little for the conventionalities of society or their influence.

GEORGE BRYANT, retired, well known and highly respected in the community, is a native of England, born in the parish of King Stanley, Gloucestershire, November 1, 1814.

John Bryant, father of subject, was born in Wales, and was there married March 18, 1813, to Miss Pamelia Collins, who bore him six children, as follows: George, subject of this sketch; Jane, deceased wife of A. H. Redington; Ann, wife of George Collins, of Amherst; J. C., residing in Buffalo, N. Y., a member of the faculty of the Bryant & Stratton Business College; H. B., founder of the Bryant & Stratton Business College; and Pamelia, wife of Henry Dwight Stratton, of the firm of Bryant & Stratton, proprietors of the well-known business colleges. The father, who was all his life a farmer, came with his family to this country in 1830, arriving in South Amherst, Lorain Co., Ohio, October 18, 1830, and here bought the farm property owned by his son George. He died in 1880, aged ninety-one years and six months; his wife had preceded him to the grave in August, 1864, when seventy-six years old. Her father was a clergyman in the Church of England in the mother country, very prominent as a "High Church" ecclesiastic. , Nathaniel Bryant, grandfather of our subject, was coachman to the Duke of Wellington for some time; he died at Amherst, Lorain county, at the age of eighty-nine years.

George Bryant, whose name introduces this sketch, was, as will be seen, sixteen years old when the family came to Lorain county. With the exception of three weeks' schooling in South Amherst, he received all his education in his native parish in England, at the same time being thoroughly trained to agricultural pursuits under the immediate tuition of his father. He followed farming all his active life, and made a thorough success of it.

In 1836 he was married to Miss Adeline L. Webb, born February 6, 1817, in Amherst township, Lorain county, and six children, as follows, were born to them: Ellen T., deceased wife of Darius Plumb; Mary D., who married James H. Redfern, and had one child, Lottie B., who died when eighteen and a half years old (our subject now resides with this daughter); George W., who has three children—Maude L. (wife of John Harper), Adeline L. and Sadie G.; Pamelia, who married George Camp, and died without issue; E. C., who had four children—Charles, Nina May, Harvey (deceased) and Della; and Charley C., residing on the old home farm, who has one child, Eva. Mrs. Adeline L. Bryant was a schoolteacher before marriage, and afterward she aided her husband very materially in improving his education. It may be here mentioned that his schooling in this country was abruptly terminated by himself, as the other boys "made too much fun of his Gloucestershire accent;" but in after years his clever wife came to his assistance, and imparted to him an interest in study, whereby he became a great reader and one of the best informed men in the community. Mrs. Bryant died February 29, 1888. A Republican in politics, formerly a Whig, Mr. Bryant's first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson. He is now retired from active life, and makes his home with his daughter and son-in-law—Mr. and Mrs. James H. Redfern. [Since the above was written, we have received information of the death of Mr. George Bryant, which occurred August 13, 1893.—Ed.]

H. B. Bryant, brother of our subject, was the founder of the famous Bryant & Stratton Business College, the nucleus of

which was a small class gathered together by him for a Mr. Folsome in Cleveland, with whom he became a partner, ultimately succeeding him; and from this small beginning he developed the great commercial school, establishing no less than forty-nine business colleges in various parts of the United States and Canada.

James H. Redfern, son-in-law of George Bryant, was born February 13, 1840, near Toronto, Ontario (Canada), a son of Robert and Ellen (McClarendon) Redfern. In his boyhood he came to Ohio, where, at Olmsted Falls, North Amherst, and South Amherst, he completed his education. For a trade he learned harness-making in South Amherst, and followed same till 1862, in which year he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Third O. V. I. He served in the army of the West, and participated in the following battles: Armstrong's Hill, Knoxville (Tenn.), Atlanta and Resaca, besides many others; he was promoted to corporal, and received his discharge June 20, 1865. After the war he applied himself to his trade about one year, part of the time keeping a shop of his own, and then worked on a farm in Amherst township till 1878, when he paid a visit to Hays City, Kans., taking up a claim whereon he remained about two years, at the end of which time he returned to Lorain county, and engaged in his present coal business in Elyria.

PITT McROBERTS, one of the most prominent citizens and well-to-do farmers of Pittsfield township, is descended from a well-known pioneer family of Lorain county. He was born December 22, 1834, in Pittsfield township, son of Peter and Eliza (Wait) McRoberts.

Our subject was reared to farm life, and received such education as the common schools of his time afforded; the old schoolhouse which he attended stood in the midst of a forest, which has since become a productive field, and now forms part of his farm. The father died when Pitt was but twelve years of age, and he then went to live with Orlando Hall, a wealthy farmer, with whom he remained several years. On December 12, 1860, he was united in marriage with Abbie Barnard, a native of Vermont, daughter of Wood Barnard, and they located in Pittsfield township on a farm of forty acres, which he had purchased. In 1856 they went to live with the widow of Orlando Hall, and here they have since remained. This farm comprises 140 acres, and Mr. McRoberts owns, altogether, 239 acres, divided into two farms. He is an industrious, hard-working farmer, and has attained considerable success in his life vocation. He is a man of practical education, has a good memory, and is quite an extensive reader, keeping well up with the times. In 1892 he took a trip through the South, viewing southern battle fields and other places of interest. In his political tendencies he is a Republican, and an influential man in his party, but does not dabble much in affairs of state.

JACOB KNELLMER, one of the leading representative farmers of Brownhelm township, is a native of Lorain county, born in Henrietta township, April 12, 1852, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Battenhousen) Knellmer.

The parents were born in Germany, and soon after their marriage emigrated to the Western World, making a settlement in Lorain county, Ohio, first in Henrietta township and finally in Brownhelm, in which latter township the father died at the age of sixty-four years; the mother is yet living, now aged seventy-eight. She is a member of the Reformed Church; her husband was associated with the Evangelical Church, and in politics was a Republican. In the Fatherland he lived the Arcadian life of a shepherd, and in this country he followed farming.

The subject proper of this sketch received a liberal common-school education, and was reared to agriculture on his father's farm. In 1876 he was married to Miss Mary Schnuck, who was born in 1849 in Brownhelm, Lorain Co., Ohio, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Clous) Schnuck, natives of Germany, and seven children have come to bless their home, viz.: Melissa, Benjamin Franklin, Albert, Emma, Bertha, Ella and Clara. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Knellmer settled on their present farm of 165 acres, where they have met, thanks to their industry and judicious thrift, with well-merited success. He is a Democrat, and has served his township as trustee and assessor.

CHARLES STONE, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Lorain county, is a native of same, born October 12, 1837, in Pittsfield township.

His father, Reuben Stone, son of Samuel Stone, was born in 1812, in Bennington county, Vt., received a common-school education, and afterward taught school. When a young man he married Hannah T. Whitney, who was also born in 1812, in Vermont, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Townes) Whitney. In 1835 the young couple came to Pittsfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and here bought 101 acres of timber land at three dollars per acre, upon which he erected a small frame house. At the time of their settlement the country was still in a primitive state, and wild animals abounded. Here their children were all born, as follows: Franklin, who became marshal of Oberlin, and was killed in 1880, while attempting to arrest a colored boy; Charles, subject of sketch; Eliza L., wife of Wesley Hill, of Madison, S. Dak.; Betsey A., Mrs. Scott Mongar, of Nuckolls county, Neb.; Almeron R., of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Abbie A., wife of Dr. R. J. Cummer, of the National Vapor Stove Co., in Cleveland. Mr. Stone became a successful farmer, and remained in Pittsfield township until 1860, when he removed to Oberlin and embarked in the lumber and sawmill business. Mrs. Stone died in 1873, her husband in 1884, and both are buried in Oberlin. In politics he was originally a Whig, then a Free-soiler and finally a Republican, and served in various local offices in Pittsfield township and later in Oberlin. He was possessed of good common sense and sound judgment, and was selected to fill many positions of trust, in which capacity he settled up a number of estates, and transacted considerable business of a like nature. He and his wife were both members of the Congregational Church.

Charles Stone received his early education in the common schools, and later attended Oberlin College, but did not complete a course there, though his parents desired him to. For two years he worked for A. Whitney, of Pittsfield township, and while in his employ spent a winter in the lumber regions of Mississippi and Tennessee. On September 18, 1860, he was united in marriage with Lucy H. Ives, who was born in 1839 in Pittsfield township, daughter of John and Rebecca (McCloen) Ives. After marriage Mr. Stone bought 118 acres of land in Pittsfield township, going into debt for same, and went to work on this farm (a comparatively new one, and heavily timbered), which he sold, however, in a a few years. He then bought the "old homestead farm" from his father, and resided there until 1876, when he bought land one mile south of Oberlin in Pittsfield township; in 1879 he erected a fine residence on this place, where he has since made his home. In 1876 he was elected sheriff of Lorain county, and served during 1877 and 1878, when failing health caused him to retire from that office, having no desire to remain. Mr. and Mrs. Stone have one foster-child, Nellie L., who enjoys all the

advantages of an elegant home and fine school at Oberlin. Since his retirement to private life Mr. Stone has completely recovered his health, but does not engage in active farm work. He deals extensively in hogs and sheep, and is also somewhat of an auctioneer, being, altogether, a very successful business man. In his political affiliations he is an ardent, lifelong Republican, and is a leading, highly esteemed member of the community. Our subject is a great lover of sport, every now and then allowing himself a hunting expedition in the Northwest; and he frequently makes a short angling tour through Michigan, being a devoted follower of Izaak Walton.

CHAPMAN FAMILY. Nothing definite is known of Robert Chapman, the first of the family under consideration in the country, previous to his emigration hither. According to the family tradition, he came from Hull, England, to Boston in 1635, from which place he sailed, in company with Lyon Gardiner, for Saybrook, as one of the company of twenty men who were sent over by Sir Richard Salstonstall, to take possession of a large tract of land, and make settlement near the mouth of the Connecticut river under the patent of Lord Say and Seal. At this time he is supposed to have been about eighteen years old.

After the Indians were subdued, they proceeded to clear up the forests and form a permanent settlement. For about ten years after leaving England he kept a journal. The colony records show that each of his three sons were representatives to the Legislature, to which he himself had also been elected forty-three times. The eldest son served there twenty-two Sessions, the second eighteen Sessions, and the third twenty-four Sessions.

Robert Chapman seems to have been a soldier, as his name appears as a sentinel in the Pequot war in 1637. It appears from the records of Saybrook, that he was a very large landholder in the town of Saybrook, and East Haddam. He left at his decease 1,500 acres to each of his three sons, which had been received by him as one of the legatees of Uncas,an Indian chief. Robert himself resided on a tract of land in the Oyster River Quarter, about two miles west of Saybrook Fort, which has descended in the line of the youngest son of each family, never having been bought or sold, and which in 1854 was occupied by George H. Chapman, Esq., the youngest of the fifth generation. Robert Chapman was a man of exemplary piety, and but a short time previous to his decease he wrote an address to his children, who were all members of the church, in which he exhorted them to a devoted life, and to abide by the Covenant into which they had entered with God and his church. Robert's parents were Puritans, whose religious zeal had been transmitted to him. There are several letters on file in the office of the Secretary of State, written to Robert Chapman.

Robert Chapman was married to Ann Bliss, April 29, 1642. According to the family tradition he was born in 1616, and died October 13, 1687, aged seventy-one years. He had seven children, as follows: John, Robert, Anna, Hannah, Nathaniel, Mary and Sarah.

Robert Chapman, Jr., the second son of the first settler, was born in September, 1646, at Saybrook, Conn., and was an extensive agriculturist, owning at the time of his decease not less than 2,000 acres of land. The town records show him to have been a man of extensive influence in civil affairs. He was for many years clerk of Oyster River Quarter, as well as commissioner and surveyor for the town of Saybrook. He was a member of the Legislature from 1692 to 1711. He was also a member of the Assembly that drafted the Saybrook Platform in 1708, a work that has preserved the purity of the Congregational Churches of Connecticut for 185

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years. Mr. Chapman was twice married, first to Sara Griswold, of Norwich, Conn., July 27, 1671, by whom he had nine children. This wife died April 7, 1692, and October 29, 1694, he was married to Mrs. Mary Sheather, by whom he had four children. His children by the first marriage were: Samuel, Robert. Sarah, Francis, Dorcas, Steven, one son that died in infancy, Sarah, and a son that died an infant. By the second marriage there were Benjamin, Steven, Mehetabel and Abagail. Mr. Chapman died suddenly in the Hartford courtroom November, 1711. He was buried in the old burial ground at Hartford, Conn., in the rear of the Centre Church, where his tombstone now stands, about a rod north of the monument on which are inscribed the names of the first settlers of Hartford, with this inscription—" Here lyeth the body of Robt. Chapman who departed this life November ye 10th 1711 aged 65 years."

Capt. Samuel Chapman, eldest son of Robert Chapman, Junior, was born September 12, 1672. On December 6, 1693, he married Margaret Griswold, a daughter of Capt. Samuel Griswold, of Norwich, Conn., and by her he had ten children. Mrs. Chapman died December 21, 1750. Mr. Chapman was a prominent man in civil and military affairs. He resided in what is now the town of Westbrook, and was one of the first fourteen persons organized into a church at that place June 29, 1726. The date of his death is not known. His children were Sarah, Margaret, Samuel, Martha, Temperance, Jedediah, Mehetabel, Caleb, Lucy and Aaron.

Jedediah Chapman (1), the second son of Capt. Samuel Chapman, was born at Westbrook, Conn., October 9, 1703, and was married to Miss Hester Kirtland, June 5, 1723, by whom he had eight children. He was a very prominent man in the society of Westbrook in military, civil and religious affairs. He was a major of infantry, a lawyer by profession, and held the position of deacon in the church from 1732 until his death, which took place at Westbrook February 10, 1764, in the sixty-first year of his age. The following were his children: Hester, Temperance, Jedediah, Ann, Reuben, Charity, Chloe and Tabitha.

Jedediah Chapman (2), eldest son of Maj. Jedediah, was born at Westbrook, December 15, 1726, and was married to Miss Mary Grinnell in 1755. He was deacon of the church of Westbrook from 1771 until his death, which transpired February 29, 1816, a period of forty-four years, and was for twenty years justice of the peace. At his decease he was ninety years of age. His children were Dan, Jedediah, Constant, Hester, Lucilla, Mary, Ann and Aaron.

Constant Chapman, son of Deacon Jedediah Chapman (2), was born at Westbrook, Conn., December 27, 1760, and was married to Miss Jemima Kelsey, of Killingworth, Conn., January 27, 1785, by whom he had nine children. At the early age of sixteen he entered the Revolutionary army, was for six years under the immediate command of Washington, and was for some time one of his body-guard. He was at the battle of Long Island, Germantown, Princeton, and Trenton, experienced all the rigors of Valley Forge, and was at the final surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He also followed the sea for many years, rising to the position of captain of a merchant vessel, trading on the coast of South America, and to Lisbon, and other foreign ports. In 1793 the vessel, of which he was commander, was captured by the French off Porto Rico, scuttled and sunk, while he and his crew were carried prisoners to the French Island of Guadeloupe, and after four months he was liberated. The latter part of his life was spent in Brimfield, Portage Co., Ohio, where he died in 1850, aged ninety years. His children were Lydia K., Thurot F., John K., Anna M., Cloe P., Mary C., Joseph G., Jemima T. and Henry C. The children of Constant Chapman, it will be

seen, all had middle names, while none of his ancestry were thus favored.

Thurot F. Chapman, eldest son of Constant Chapman, was born at Old Killingworth, Conn., December 7, 1789, and was twice married: first, November 17, 1810, to Lydia Andross, by whom he had one child; second, October 16, 1833, to Elizabeth Furray, by whom he had three children. In the war of 1812 he enlisted in Col. Van Rensselaer's Regiment of New York Militia, crossed the Niagara river into Canada, and was at the battle of Queenston Heights, and taken prisoner there but afterward paroled. Mr. Chapman was for some time a sailor in the coasting trade, and also in the business of codfishing off Newfoundland and the Straits of Belle Isle. He was a man of sterling integrity and of the most generous impulses. The poor and the oppressed were never turned away empty from his door, and many a poor slave escaping from bondage was by him fed, sheltered and helped on his way to freedom. Mr. Chapman first set up his family home in Smithville, Chenango Co., N. Y., but emigrated to the wilderness of the Ohio Western Reserve in 1817, where he followed clearing land a number of years, having chopped, cleared and fenced nearly 300 acres of land. He here died December 16, 1860, aged seventy-one years, a practical Christian of the Congregational school. His children were Alonzo A., a sketch of whom follows; Emily A., wife of Lucius R. Fields, of Oberlin, Ohio; Degrass S., who enlisted, during the Civil war, in Company K, Twenty-third O. V. I., was wounded at the battle of Antietam, and died six days later in the field hospital, aged twenty-four years; and Harlan P., special mention of whom will presently be made. The mother of the three last named children was born in New Durham, Greene Co., N. Y., March 9, 1804, and was killed by accident in Oberlin June 12, 1876.

Alonzo A. Chapman, eldest son of Thurot F. Chapman, was born August 25, 1811, at Smithville, N. Y., and was married September 30, 1832, to Miss Margaret Taylor, by whom he had seven children. He was for many years a farmer in Eaton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and was one of the first residents of that township, coming there with his parents in 1817. He was called upon to fill various positions of trust in civil and religious affairs. He was a member of the M. E. Church over fifty years, and was a member of the first class organized at LaPorte, Ohio. He moved his family to Ridgeville, Henry Co., Ohio, in 1866, and was for many years in the lumber business. Mr. Chapman died at Ridgeville Corners, Ohio, August 5, 1890, aged seventy-nine years. His children were as follows: William T., Mary L., Henry L. (1), Emory N., Pamila A., Facelia S. and Henry L. (2).

William T. Chapman, eldest son of Alonzo A. Chapman, was born in Eaton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, on Butternut Ridge, July 10, 1833, and was married March 21, 1854, to Miss Fidelia S. Banistee, by whom he has had three children. His vocation has been that of teacher, having entered that profession in the fall of 1852, and continuing therein until the spring of 1890, a period of thirty-eight years. He has taught, in all, fifty-seven terms in the following counties of Ohio: Eighteen terms in Lorain, one in Cuyahoga, two in Defiance, two in Lucas, twenty-three in Henry and eleven in Fulton. In 1867 he removed with his family to Henry county, settling in Ridgeville, where he now (1893) resides. On August 4, 1862, he enlisted as a private soldier in the Union army to assist in putting down the slaveholders' Rebellion, and upon the organization of the company he was made a sergeant. In December, 1862, he was made orderly sergeant, and in June following received a commission as second lieutenant of Company H, One Hundred and Third O. V. I.; in March, 1864, he was discharged for physical disability by

order of E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War. His children are Minnie E., Myra O. and Myrta J.

Emory N. Chapman, second son of Alonzo A. Chapman, enlisted August 11, 1862, in Company H, One Hundred and Third O. V. I.; discharged September 17, 1864, on account of wound received at Resaca, Ga., May 14, 1864.

Henry L. Chapman, fourth son of Alonzo A. Chapman, enlisted December 24, 1863, in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth O. V. I.; was left in tobacco shed with the smallpox at Concord Station, East Tenn.; both feet were frozen so that the toes came off; discharged for same May 31, 1865.

HARLAN P. CHAPMAN, the subject proper of this family sketch, and the youngest child born to Thurot F. and Elizabeth (Furray) Chapman, was born on Butternut Ridge, in Eaton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, September 6, 1844. In his boyhood and early youth he attended the common schools of the vicinity, and Oberlin College two terms, in the meantime being reared on the farm. On August 4, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Third Regiment O. V. I., which was first sent to Camp Cleveland, thence to Cincinnati, Ohio, whence they marched to Kentucky, wintering at Frankfort. In April, 1863, they moved across the State to the Cumberland river, where they had several skirmishes with the Confederates, and following August were placed under Burnside, after which they crossed the Cumberland Mountains into East Tennessee. Mr. Chapman participated in the battles of Blue Spring, Knoxville and Armstrong's Hill, at which latter engagement, which took place Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1863, he received a serious wound, from which he never fully recovered, a musket ball being left imbedded in the hip joint; after nine months' confinement to hospital, he returned home on furlough. Before he was ordered back to hospital he was married March 31, 1864, to Miss Mary C. Pitkin, of Brunswick, Medina Co., Ohio, and he was not called upon for further service in the army. After his discharge, June 27, 1864, he settled on his present farm in Carlisle township, village of LaPorte. Here were born to him and his wife three children, viz.: Erie D., educated at Elyria and Oberlin; Otto B. and Oleo. Politically our subject is a sound Republican, and for three years served as postmaster at LaPorte; in November, 1892, he was elected treasurer of Lorain county, and was duly installed into said office on September 4, 1893.

THOMAS WILFORD, a representative farmer of Amherst township, is a native of "Merrie England," born in Clipston, Northamptonshire, in 1827, a son of John and Sophia (Falkner) Wilford, of the same county. The mother died at Clipston, England, in 1835.

John Wilford, who was a shoemaker, in 1838 came to the United States and to Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he followed his trade. From there he moved to North Amherst with one Thomas Quirk, and together they carried on a boot and shoe business till in 1840, when he bought Quirk out. He then went to Lorain, same county, where he opened out both a shoe store and a meat market, and passed the rest of his days, dying in 1872. In North Amherst he had married Nancy Stanton, and three children were born to them, viz.: Richard (married), living in Cleveland; Lucy, wife of George Peach, of Toledo, Ohio; and George, married and living in North Amherst, Ohio.

The subject of this sketch came with his father to the United States and to Lorain county, and received his education partly in the schools of England, partly in those of Lorain county. In 1862 he enlisted in North Amherst, in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth O. V. I.,

for three years or during the war, and served on Johnson's Island to the close of the struggle—twenty-one months in all. Returning to Lorain county, he recommenced the pursuits of peace, cultivating his farm, and he now owns a good property of sixty acres in a prime state of cultivation. Mr. Wilford in politics is a Republican, and is a strong Prohibitionist; at one time he joined the Murphy movement, and he is a strong advocate of temperance. He is a member of Rice Post, No. 148 G. A. R., at North Amherst. When a young man he sailed the lakes two or three seasons, and spent two years in Kankakee county, Ill., working at day labor.

JAMES JACKSON, who for the past half century has been actively identified with the agricultural interests of Lorain county, Ohio, was born October 5, 1816, in Champion, Jefferson county, New York.

He is a grandson of Reuben Jackson, and son of Daniel, who was born in 1775 in Pittsfield, Mass., where he learned the blacksmith's trade under his father. He was married in his native State to Patty Kellogg, who was born in Pittsfield in 1785, and while residing in Massachusetts three children were born to them, as follows: Jane, who married Harvy Birdseye, died in Trenton, Oneida Co., N. Y., when aged eighty-four years; Pliny, born in 1806; and Sally, who married William Gillett, and died at the age of thirty-six in Penfield, Ohio. Between 1812 and 1815 the family removed west to Jefferson county, N. Y., and bought the farm whereon the parents passed the remaining years of their lives, the father engaging chiefly in agriculture, although he also followed his trade to some extent. In New York State were born the following named children: Susan, who married William Chapman, and died in Chicago at an advanced age; Maria, who married Ferdinand Turnicliff, and died in Pittsfield, Ohio; Jason, a farmer, who died in Champion, Jefferson Co., N. Y.; Daniel, also deceased in Champion, N. Y.; James, the subject of this sketch; Charille, who married Hiram Hopkins, and died in Wellington, Ohio; Jesse, a farmer of Humboldt county, Iowa; and Belah, who died after reaching adult age in Champion, Jefferson Co., N. Y. Mr. Jackson was a very successful farmer. He was a man of wonderful vitality, active and capable of performing a hard day's work to the very end of his life; he died suddenly, while chopping wood, in his eighty-fourth year. He frequently remarked that he did not know what it was to feel tired. In politics he was an Old-line Whig, a stanch member of the party. His wife died at the age of ninety-three years, and lies buried by his side in Champion cemetery; they were devout members of the Old-school Presbyterian Church, and he was a man so highly respected, esteemed and loved everywhere, that it could almost be said he had not an enemy in the world.

James Jackson attended the common schools, but in his youth cared so little for study that he preferred to stay at home and assist with the duties on the farm. His first knowledge of agriculture was obtained under his father on the home place, where he remained until he was twenty-five years of age. In June, 1843, he set out for Ohio, traveling, on the first railroad he ever saw, to Buffalo, where he took passage on a lake boat for Black River (now Lorain), Lorain county, his destination being Pittsfield, Lorain county, where he had a brother-in-law, named Turnicliff, with whom he resided for some time. Then, in company with his brother Daniel, he purchased an interest in a tract of fifteen acres in Pittsfield township, which, after many days of hard labor, clearing and preparing the land, which was all in the woods, they sowed to wheat; but just a few weeks before harvest time a heavy frost destroyed the crops, and eighteen

months of labor were lost. On February 10, 1848, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Jael K. Coats, who was born January 22, 1819, in the town of Amherst, Erie Co., N. Y., daughter of Josiah and Dianthe (Harmon) Coats, who came to Ohio in 1836, locating first in Clarksfield, Huron county, and later removing to New London township, same county, where the parents died and were buried. After marriage Mr. Jackson took up his home in a small frame house, 18 x 22, which he had erected, and there resided until 1859, when he came to Penfield township, and purchased, from David Curtice, 114 acres of land, which then contained no improvements but a log house and barn. Here he has since resided, and he has cultivated and improved the land, and put up all the farm buildings thereon, as well as a comfortable residence, which was erected in 1873. Having had but little assistance in life, his present prosperity is all the direct result of his own efforts. In his political preferences he was originally an Old-line Whig, casting his first vote for William H. Harrison, and is now a stanch member of the Republican party, never missing an election, though he is not an active politician. In religious matters he is a member of the U. B. Church, his wife of the M. E. Church, with which she united in 1838. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are the parents of children as follows: Albert K., a resident of Curtice, Ottawa Co., Ohio; Sally, who died young; Antoinette, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Charles E., of Farnam, Dawson Co., Neb., a carpenter by trade; and Emma L. (at home) and Amy E. (Mrs. August Griffis, of Farnam, Neb.), twins.

CLAYTON J. BELL, a well-known wide-awake and go-ahead young farmer of Brighton township, is a native of same, born June 4, 1859, on the farm which he now owns and lives on.

John Bell, grandfather of subject, was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, in 1800, and in early boyhood was apprenticed to a carpenter; but not liking the trade he ran away from his employer before completing his apprenticeship. In his native land he married Miss Mary Ann Grundale, also born in 1800, and in 1831 they came to the United States, bringing their little son, John, and locating near Clarksville, N. J., where he found employment, first as a common laborer, later as gate tender on the Morristown Canal, he doing the night work, his wife the day work. There were born to them children as follows: Mary Jane, now Mrs. Sheldon Clark, of Brighton township, Lorain county; Montgomery, a farmer of Eaton county, Mich.; Amanda M. (deceased), married to Michael Backins; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Newton Snow, of Bedford, Ohio; Henry, born in 1842, a farmer in Eaton county, Mich.; and Margaret (Mrs. Lucas), of Camden, Ohio, now forty-four years old. In 1842 the family, attracted hither by an old friend, Isaac Griggs, who some years before had settled in Brighton township, Lorain county, followed him to that township, where the father bought land. Here he passed the rest of his days, dying May 2, 1863, and was buried in Brighton cemetery; his widow still survives him, now aged ninety-three years, wonderfully hale and hearty considering her patriarchal years. Mr. Bell was a hard-working man, one who prospered and made his mark in the community in which he lived. Politically he was originally a Democrat, but during the later years of his life voted under the banner of the Republican party; in his native country he was a member of the Church of England, but did not unite with any denomination in the United States.

John Bell, Jr., father of Clayton J. Bell, was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, in December, 1830, and was but an infant when his parents brought him to America. At the age of twelve he came with the rest

of the family to Ohio, and when old enough worked out as a farm hand, thus securing a fair start in life as an agriculturist. By untiring energy, patient toil and judicious economy he found himself the owner of 115 acres of prime land, on which he built a comfortable residence and commodious outhouses. On March 17, 1879, he departed this life, and was buried in Brighton cemetery; his wife was called from earth March 20, 1889. She was Miss Sophronia Kingsbury, born in Brighton township, Lorain county, of an old pioneer family, and their children were two sons: Clayton J. and Elmer, both of whom grew to maturity; Elmer died when twenty-three years old, and was buried in Brighton cemetery.

Clayton J. Bell received his education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth, and was reared to farm life from early boyhood. On the death of his father in 1879, the charge of the farm fell to him, and he has ever since retained it, owning the entire homestead, and representing the third generation who have lived on it as owners. On November 9, 1887, he married Ella Dugan, who was born August 15, 1868, in Oberlin, Lorain Co., Ohio, a daughter of John and Mary (Coughlin) Dugan, the former of whom was born in 1826, in County Tipperary, Ireland, and died April 8, 1881, the latter born in 1836, in County Kilkenny, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have one son, Walter J., born June 25, 1889. In political predilections Mr. Bell is a Democrat; Mrs. Bell is a member of the Catholic Church at Wakeman, Ohio.

A. N. GARVER, M. D., Lorain, is a native of Ohio, born in Wayne county in 1858, a son of John and Catherine (Shoemaker) Garver, also natives of Wayne county, where the father followed agricultural pursuits all his life, dying in 1871. The mother is now residing in West Salem, Ohio. They were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom are yet living. Grandfather David Garver was a native of Pennsylvania, and an early pioneer of Wayne county, Ohio, where he passed the rest of his life in farming.

The subject of this sketch received his literary education in his native county, and at Lodi, Medina Co., Ohio. In Wayne county he followed teaching for a time, and then, in 1876, entered Wooster (Ohio) Medical University, where he graduated with the class of 1879. The Doctor then commenced the practice of his profession in Medina county, where he continued until 1882, at which time he came to Lorain county, and here he has since been engaged in successful practice, his office being now in the "South End." His residence is on Bank street.

In 1879 Dr. Garver was married, in Medina county, Ohio, to Miss Alice Driskell, a native of same, and daughter of Hugh and Florilla (Allen) Driskell, of Ohio, the father deceased in Medina county in 1876; the mother now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Garver. To our subject and wife have been born two children: Birt and Lou. Dr. Garver in his political predilections is a Republican, and he is a member of the K. of P. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church, of which he is a trustee.

HENRY MOLE. Among the representative self-made agriculturists of Grafton township, who, beginning life with little or no aid, have reached the top round of the ladder of success, is the subject of this sketch, who was born July 20, 1824, in Devonshire, England, son of John and Sarah (Bauman) Mole.

He was reared to the arduous duties of farm life, and, his parents being poor people, he had but limited educational opportunities, as he could not be spared from the farm. When a young man he was

married March 20, 1850, in his native country, to Ann Gardner, and same year, deciding to try his fortune in America, sailed from Plymouth, England, on the vessel "Cornwall." During the early part of the voyage a storm arose, and the vessel put back into port until it subsided, but their passage to New York, which lasted three weeks, was very rough. They immediately proceeded to Eaton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and on his arrival Mr. Mole had about fifty dollars in cash, which he had saved from his meager earnings. Here he purchased land (going into debt for same), and, as the forest thereon was very dense, a great amount of labor was required to clear it for crops. After a ten years' residence on this farm he disposed of it at a profit, and bought land in other parts of the same township, acquiring different tracts, which he improved, and invariably sold at a good profit. In 1870 he came to Grafton township, locating on his present farm, where he has since resided, successfully engaged in general agriculture and dairying. To Mr. and Mrs. Mole were born eight children, namely: John, deceased; William, a farmer in Grafton township; Henry and James, both farming in Michigan; George, farming in Eaton township; Mary J., wife of Perry D. Mennell, of Grafton; Charles and Rosa. The mother of these children died November 14, 1874, at the age of forty-five years, and for his second wife Mr. Mole married, April 5, 1879, Mrs. Elizabeth Cousins, who died in April, 1881. For his third wife he married, August 31, 1881, Mrs. Melvina (Holly) Adams, who was born February 18, 1849, in Lake county, Ohio. Mr. Mole is an energetic, hard-working industrious man, and has accumulated considerable property. He has given each of his children a good start in life, expending therefor about nine thousand dollars in cash; but he still retains 122 acres of choice land. He has paid several visits to his native country, and in his affluence he has not forgotten his relatives who have been less prosperous, as is shown by his frequent remittances to them. He is a stanch member of the Republican party, but does not mingle in politics; while not a member of any church, he is a devout believer in the principles of Christianity, and contributes liberally toward its support.

MAX MOREHOUSE, senior member of the firm of Morehouse & Starr, dealers in Ladies' Furnishing Goods, Elyria, and the youngest merchant in the place, is a native of Elyria, Ohio, born October 15, 1866.

He received his education at the common schools of the city of his birth, and in Oberlin. At the age of fifteen years he entered the dry-goods store of Mr. Marx Straus, a leading merchant of Elyria, with whom he remained until the spring of 1890, when he commenced business on his own account. It may be said of him that he literally "rose from the ranks," having made a beginning as errand boy, closing his industrious career with Mr. Straus in the position of head buyer and junior member of the firm. When Mr. Morehouse and Mr. Starr commenced business together the amount of their stock did not exceed three thousand dollars, while to-day it averages fully eight thousand dollars.

In November, 1892, Mr. Morehouse opened, in conjunction with Mr. Carter and Mr. Beese, a dry-goods store in Lorain (the leading house of the kind there), the style of the firm being Morehouse, Carter & Beese. The store is 40x80 feet in size, and seven clerks handle the fifteen-thousand-dollar stock, which is all bought by Mr. Morehouse himself, everything being under his personal supervision; and both enterprises are doing a good business.

The subject of our sketch is a son of Andrew and Edith (Brown) Morehouse. His father died in 1883, since which time

he has entirely supported his mother, and proven himself one of the kindest and most devoted of sons. His life has all been spent in Lorain county, with the exception of a few years in Allegan, Mich., when a small child.

Although leaving school at an early age, Mr. Morehouse has attained a liberal education, and a large amount of culture, by being a close student of men, and the reading of many good books. He in a pronounced champion of education, particularly a practical one for all boys, and he himself is a living example of what may be accomplished by solid integrity, strict attention to business, industry and judicious economy. Politically he is an Independent, believing in voting for good men and right principles rather than party. He has not yet enrolled himself in the noble army of Benedicts.

His grandfather, Thomas Brown, is one of the oldest pioneers now living in the county, having settled in Lorain in 1829. He is remarkably well preserved, and at the age of eighty-six is still active, and a regular attendant at the county fairs.

HENRY J. EADY, proprietor of a well-known and popular drug-store in Elyria, is a native of England, born in Cottesbrook, Northamptonshire, April 28, 1846.

Samuel Eady, grandfather of subject, was an innkeeper at Brixworth, a village in England, during good old stage times, where he married Elizabeth Underwood, by whom he had six children—four sons and two daughters, viz.: Thomas, John, Francis, Henry, Elizabeth (unmarried), and Mary (wife of Thomas Barker, a prominent horse dealer of London). The sons were all farmers in England, farming lands near each other, and Francis was not only a large farmer, but an innkeeper as well, doing a prosperous business.

Thomas Eady, father of Henry J., was born, in 1806, at Brixworth, in Northamptonshire, where he was reared. In 1827 he married Susan Holt, of the same village, where they were neighbors and children together. Their children, six in number, were: William (in New Zealand), John (deceased), Francis and Thomas (both in England), Mary Ann (wife of John Lantsbery, of Carlisle township, Lorain county), and Henry J. (the subject of this sketch). The father died in 1862; he had been an officeholder in the villages of Cottesbrook and Creaton; the mother passed away in 1884 at the age of seventy-eight years.

Henry J. Eady, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education in the public schools of his native place, taking also a grammar-school course at Guilsborough. He was reared on his father's farm, and in his early youth was of no little assistance to his parents in the many duties incident to the cultivation of the soil and the harvesting of crops. In 1864, in company with his sister and her husband, he came to the United States, landing in New York November 25, the day the attempt to set fire to that city was frustrated. Soon afterward he came to Elyria, Ohio, and for a year or two worked on a farm, after which he entered the factory of Topliff, Sampsell & Ely, in the same town, studying evenings in the office of his friend, Dr. P. W. Sampsell. In 1868, having developed a liking for the drug business, he commenced learning same with W. H. Park, in his store in the old Beebe Block, now Andwur, Elyria, where he remained five years, at the end of which time he embarked in the business for his own account, his first store being in an old wooden building, No. 8 Cheapside east of the park. In 1870 he paid a visit to his native land, spending the winter there, and in the following spring returned to the United States and to Elyria. Since 1873 he has been continuously in the drug business in the same location, and is now a

Henry J. Eady

registered pharmacist; also has held prominent positions in the State Association. His success has been almost phenomenal, and he has gradually increased his trade until to-day he is proprietor of the leading drug business in Elyria. In 1885 he erected the handsome three-story business block, on the same lot as his old store. Also, in 1892, he built the block, No. 16 Cheapside, one of the handsomest buildings in the town, the first floor of which is rented for a carpet store, and the upper floors as his own residence. Indeed, for his means, Mr. Eady has done more building than any other person in Elyria. For twenty years he has been a member of the Agricultural Association of Lorain, and has taken an active interest in everything pertaining to the farm. In 1881 he took another trip to England, spending the summer among the scenes of his boyhood.

On February 16, 1876, Mr. Eady was married to Charlotte Ellen ("Nellie") Noakes, daughter of Rev. B. T. Noakes, D. D., the then Episcopal clergyman at Elyria, now of the First Reformed Episcopal Church in Cleveland. The Noakes family trace their lineage to Sussex, England, where many of the name are still prominent. Rev. Dr. Noakes married Miss Sarah Piper, and they are the parents of five children, viz.: Charlotte Ellen (Mrs. H. J. Eady), Florence T. (Mrs. N. P. Wooster, of Elyria), Fannie, (Mrs. J. S. Van-Epps, Cleveland), and Grace and Gertrude (still under the paternal roof). To Mr. and Mrs. Eady was born one child that died in infancy unnamed. Politically Mr. Eady is a stanch Republican, but his business demanding and receiving all his time, he is not an officeholder. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., I.O. O. F., and K. of H., of which last-named Order he has been treasurer since 1879; also for several years was treasurer of the I. O. O. F. at Elyria. For fifteen years he was treasurer of St. Andrews Episcopal Church of Elyria, of which he and his wife are constant attendants. Mr. Eady is a strong advocate for the support of home industries, and has given liberally of his means toward the improvement of the city of his adoption. He has brought around him a host of friends in and about Elyria, whose confidence he well merits, and is one of the best known business men of the place.

GEORGE L. COUCH, mayor of Wellington, and a well-known furniture dealer, is a native of that town, born September 4, 1850.

A. G. Couch, father of subject, was born in December, 1819, in Berkshire county, Mass., and in 1843 came west to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in Wellington, where he established the present business owned by his son George L.; and until recent years he was interested in the extensive furniture factory. He was married to Miss Mary E. Durkee, who was born in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1824, and children as follows were born to them: Julia A., Ella N., George L., Walter E. and Nellie E. In politics the father was originally an Old-line Whig, and of later years has been a straight Republican; prior to and during the war of the Rebellion he was a strong Abolitionist.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the public schools of his native township, and in early boyhood commenced to learn the trade of cabinet maker in his father's shop, which he now successfully operates. Some twenty years ago he became a partner with his father in the business, and eight years later bought out the entire business. In 1880 he was united in marriage with Miss May H., daughter of Rev. E. H. Bush, and two children have been born to them, viz.: Treva May and Florence E.

Politically Mr. Couch has always been an uncompromising Republican, and since the Grant-Greeley campaign has been active in the interests of the party, attending nearly every National, State and county

convention since the Hayes administration. For more than ten years he was a member of the county committee, and in 1885 was elected a member of the State Central Committee; during the following four years he served on Gov. Foraker's military staff. In municipal affairs he has always taken a great interest, but declined to become a candidate for any office until 1890, at which time he was elected to the office of mayor. So acceptably did he fill the office as to be twice re-elected without opposition, which office he continues to hold. He is a leading man in every way, admirably adapted to the exalted position he holds in his native town. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Encampment, and of the Royal Arcanum.

C. CRAGIN, the well-known farmer and dairyman, is one of the most active men of his age in Grafton township, where he is owner of eighty-one acres of fine land and a pleasant home. Though now nearly seventy-two years of age, he can still do a good day's work in the field, "holding up his end" with the hired men, for his health and strength have been preserved by considerate care and temperate habits.

Our subject was born November 15, 1821, in Weston, Windsor Co., Vt., a son of Benjamin Cragin, a farmer, who married Miss Mahala Boyington. In the Green Mountain State they had children as follows: Lorena, who married Oliver Bell, died in LaGrange, Ohio; Benjamin, a retired farmer of LaGrange; Charles C., subject of this memoir; Adna A., who died in LaGrange, Lorain county; Esther, who died at the age of eighteen; Horace, who died in LaGrange; Harrison, a farmer of LaGrange; Elizabeth (born in Ohio), widow of George Chamberlain, living in Milwaukee. In September, 1835, the family set out from Vermont in a wagon for Buffalo, N. Y., whence they proceeded by Lake Erie to Cleveland, Ohio, from there by road to Lorain county. Here, while stopping with an acquaintance to rest after their long journey, they became so impressed with the country that they decided to remain, and Mr. Cragin purchased a part of Lot No. 61, Grafton township, containing 155 acres of woodland, at four dollars per acre; there was no house of any kind on the place, but it was not long before a dwelling 22x32 feet, and one and one-half stories high, was erected, all the timber for it being cut by Mr. Cragin himself. Here this pioneer toiled and prospered, assisting in the development of the country, and witnessing the onward march of civilization close on the heels of the retiring Red Indian and the yet more fierce panther, wolf and bear. He died July 31, 1865, his wife in 1855, and they were buried in West Grafton cemetery. They were members of the Methodist Church, in which he was trustee, steward and class-leader, and in politics he was originally an Old-line Whig, afterward a Republican. He was a very robust man, and at sixty years of age could rake and bind all day after a cradler in the harvest fields.

C. C. Cragin, whose name opens this sketch, received part of his education in his native State, and part in Lorain county, Edward Perkins being his first teacher in the latter. He attended about three months in the year, the remainder of his boyhood being devoted to the farm, under his father's tuition. For six years after his marriage he had charge of the home farm, and then bought thirty-three acres in Grafton township, on which there was a log house, where the family lived two years, when a more substantial residence was erected. In 1863 Mr. Cragin came to his present farm, bought from Josiah Turner, and which is a part of the original Turner tract. Here he built new outbuildings, and otherwise improved the property. For the past thirty years he has been engaged in the dairying business in addition to general farming.

On May 8, 1844, Mr. Cragin was married to Miss Jane Wilkins, who was born April 18, 1826, in western Vermont, a daughter of Silas and Hannah (Tenney) Wilkins, who came with their family to Ohio in 1834, driving to Troy, N. Y., thence taking canal to Buffalo, lake to Cleveland, and wagon to LaGrange township, Lorain county, where Miss Wilkins was wooed and won by our subject. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cragin were four in number: Andrew J., who died at the age of thirteen years; Esther M., who died when thirteen months old; Ellen A., who died when three years old; and Juliette, residing with her parents. Politically our subject is a stanch Republican, although his first Presidential vote was cast for a Democrat, and he has held several township offices, such as assessor, declining many others. Mrs. Cragin is a member of the Methodist Church at Belden, and they are respected far and near as good neighbors and kind-hearted people.

ARTHUR W. NICHOLS (deceased) was born in Eaton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, July 2, 1854, a son of Mason E. and Joann (Mead) Nichols, the father a native of Crown Point, Lake Champlain, whence in 1832 he came with his parents to Portage county, Ohio, to Eaton township in 1851, and to Elyria in 1876. He was a farmer by vocation, a Republican in politics, and a member of the Disciple Church. He married Miss Joann Mead, who was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., July 16, 1833, and they had a family of five children, of whom one died in infancy; the others are all living, with the exception of the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Joann Nichols died November 9, 1864, and in 1865 Mason E. Nichols was united in marriage with Mahala Cousins.

Arthur W. Nichols received his elementary education at the common schools of his native township, after which he attended school at Oberlin and Delaware, Ohio. After pursuing a law course in Chicago, Ill., he located in Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, where, in 1880, he commenced the practice of law, carrying on at the same time an insurance and money-loaning business; and had he lived he would have made his mark in the legal profession. He died December 26, 1886. Mr. Nichols was a member of the I. O. O. F., Royal Arcanum, Chosen Friends and Good Templars, in which latter Society he was grand secretary of the State Lodge for several years, and he visited Washington, D. C., and Toronto, Canada, as a delegate of the Order. In religious connection he was a member of the M. E. Church.

On October 18, 1882, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage with Miss Nettie Squires, of Lorain county, Ohio, born in 1862 near Elyria, a daughter of Anson and Lydia (Richardson) Squires, the father born on the Canadian shore of Lake Champlain, N. Y., in 1822; when a small boy he came with his parents to Lorain county, Ohio, where he passed the rest of his days, dying April 9, 1872, in Elyria, to which town he had retired from his farm. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Nichols has one child, Mason A., a bright and interesting boy, who was born September 9, 1883.

I. S. METCALF. This gentleman, a resident of Elyria, now some five or six years retired from active business, the father of a large and highly respected family, comes of old Puritan stock on both sides of the house. The first, in this country, was Michael Metcalf, who came in 1637, settling near Boston, Mass. His forefathers, of an old Saxon and Danish family, were originally Roman Catholics, and lost their property and titles in the time of Queen Elizabeth, being adherents of Mary, Queen of Scots; but afterward they seem to have become rigid Puritans.

The subject of this sketch was born January 29, 1822, in Worcester county, Mass., a son of Isaac and Anna (Stevens) Metcalf, the latter of whom died in Elyria, Ohio, at the age of seventy-eight years. The father was also a native of Worcester county, Mass., and was there reared and educated. After leaving school he became a teacher in his native State, for a time having an excellent private school in Boston, in which city he died in 1831, at the age of fifty years, leaving seven children. The son, I. S., passed his boyhood in Boston, whence he moved to Bangor, Maine. At Bowdoin College, in Brunswick, Maine, he graduated in 1847, after which he pursued civil engineering on railroad surveys and constructions for ten years, in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Illinois. He came west in 1850, to take part in the first survey of the Illinois Central Railroad. In 1856 he settled in Elyria, where he has ever since been somewhat prominently connected with most public interests, moral and religious, in matters of education and business.

Mr. Metcalf has been twice married: first time July 5, 1852, in Dunbarton, N. H., to Miss Antoinette Putnam, a native of that town, to which union nine children were born, as follows: W. S., now in business in Lawrence, Kans.; Charles, with his brother W. S.; Marion, for about ten years a teacher in Wellesley College, Mass., now in Hampton, Va., training colored students for the ministry; Anna, wife of Professor Root, of Oberlin; John M. P., professor in the Theological Seminary, Oberlin; P. H., who studied theology at Oberlin, and is now assistant pastor of the First Congregational Church of Des Moines, Iowa (he is a musician of repute); Grace Ethel, a graduate of Oberlin, and now studying at Moody's School, in Chicago, Ill., for missionary work; Henry M., a graduate of Oberlin, now clerking for his brother in Lawrence, Kans.; and Antoinette P., a graduate of Oberlin, spring of 1893. The mother of this family died August 14, 1875, and March 25, 1878, Mr. Metcalf married, for his second wife, Miss Harriet Howes, of English parentage, to which union six sons have been born, viz.: Ralph Howes, Joseph Mayo, Eliab Wight, Isaac Stevens Jr., Keyes De Witt and Thomas Nelson. Eight of Mr. Metcalf's children are college graduates, either of Oberlin, Ohio, or of Wellesley, Mass., and at least two more are now studying with a view to a similar education. Politically our subject was originally a Whig, and since the formation of the party has been a stanch Republican. He is a consistent member and for more than thirty years an officer of the Congregational Church, and is a strictly conscientious advocate of the principles of temperance.

FREDERICK S. REEFY (original spelling Riffe) is a native of the Canton of Bern, Switzerland, born September 1, 1833, in the village of Boezingen.

In the following year the family immigrated to America, making their first home in the United States on a farm near Mt. Eaton, Wayne Co., Ohio, where young Frederick passed his boyhood, working in the fields during the summers, and attending the common schools of the neighborhood in the winter months, at the same time receiving instruction from his parents in German. Being an apt and studious scholar, he made rapid progress with his books, and in a few years mastered the branches taught in the district schools. In 1848 the family moved to Tuscarawas county, same State, near Wilmot, and here for four years more our subject attended school and worked on the farm. He also began teaching in the winter, during the summer pursuing the higher branches of education, which course —teacher and student alternately—continued seven years, and thereby he ultimately became a successful educator.

Yours truly
F. S. Reefy

In the spring of 1860 Mr. Reefy went to Roanoke, Ind., where he organized the Roanoke Educational Society, and by its aid founded Roanoke Seminary, at the head of which he remained eight years, during which time it was one of the most popular schools in northern Indiana. In 1868, on account of failing health, he abandoned teaching for a time, and subsequently moved to Bluffton, Ind., organized the graded schools of that place, and remained in charge as superintendent until 1872, when he resigned, and with his family removed to Elyria, Ohio, where he became editor and proprietor of the Elyria *Constitution*, now the Elyria *Democrat*. In 1862 Mr. Reefy was united in marriage with Miss Mary Shearer.

JAMES JEWELL. In all the great "Buckeye State" there is no county that, for its population, can boast of a greater number of self-made men who have risen to comparative opulence than Lorain, and among this class stands no one more prominent than the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Jewell is a native of Ohio, born May 18, 1828, in Belmont county, thirteen miles west of Wheeling, W. Va. He is a son of Parkinson Jewell, who was a son of Zachariah, whose father was the first of the family to land on the shores of America. This earliest known progenitor of the Jewell family came from England prior to the Revolutionary war, in which he served, being killed at the battle of Bunker Hill, just seven years after his arrival in the New World. He left a widow and three sons and two daughters, and in course of time the sons were "bound out" as apprentices to various trades.

Zachariah, one of these sons, found his lot cast with a Southern planter, who took him to his estate in Virginia, and placed him as overseer of some 300 slaves owned by him, and who labored on his plantation. Here Zachariah remained some years, in the meantime losing sight of all his brothers and sisters—never again hearing of them. While in Virginia he married, and some children were there born to him. In 1805 he migrated west, coming to Ohio, and had his residence some years in Belmont county, thence moving to Tuscarawas county, later to Coshocton county, and finally to Lorain county, where in Brighton township he died at an advanced age.

Parkinson Jewell, a son of Zachariah, was about four years old when his parents came to Ohio, and he was reared near Stillwater creek in Belmont county. There he married Jane Clark, who bore him seven children—five daughters and and two sons. From Belmont he moved to Tuscarawas, thence in 1837 to Coshocton, from there in 1848 to Lorain, and finally to Paulding, all counties in Ohio, and in each he followed farming. In the last-named county he and his wife died, and their remains were laid to rest in Antwerp cemetery. A brief record of their children is as follows: James is the subject of this memoir; Mary died July 20, 1872, at the home of our subject (she was the wife of Dennison Hughes, who now lives in Kansas); Rebecca married James Hayes, and died in Defiance county, Ohio; Martha J. was first married to Jacob Bruner, who was killed in the Rebellion, and she is now the wife of John Miller; Sarah is married and resides in Michigan; Nancy E. is the wife of Zene Hart, of Paulding county.

James Jewell, of whom this sketch more particularly relates, received such education as the subscription schools of his boyhood days afforded, limited at the most to a few months attendance during the winter seasons. On reaching his majority he hired out as a farm hand, his wages varying from ten to twelve dollars a month. After his marriage he removed to Paulding county, Ohio, where he had bought 163 acres of unimproved land at seventy-five

cents an acre, which after a few years, having improved the property, he sold at a profit. He then came to Lorain county, where in Huntington township he purchased sixty-two acres of wild land; later moved to Spencer township, Medina county, from where, in 1870, he came to Rochester township, Lorain county, buying his present farm of Thomas Cummings, and here he has since carried on general farming and stock raising. This fine property he has greatly enhanced the value of, having in addition to other improvements erected substantial and commodious outbuildings.

On October 30, 1851, Mr. Jewell was married to Mary Ensign, of Huntington township, Lorain county, and children as follows were the result of this union: Florence E., now Mrs. Nathan Snyder, of New London, Huron Co., Ohio; Carrie M., Mrs. Joel Snyder, also of New London; Cora, Mrs. Calvin Hill, of New London; Alice, Mrs. Samuel Landis, Jr., of Ruggles township, Ashland Co., Ohio; and Harley and Calvin, both at home. Mr. Jewell is a conservative Republican, as quiet in his political manifestations as he is in his domestic circle, and he is respected and honored by all who know him. He and his amiable wife, as well as their children, are exemplary members of the Congregational Church.

ELNATHAN PEABODY. In November, 1833, there migrated to Henrietta township, Lorain Co., Ohio, from New Hampshire, one Andrew Peabody, who was born about the year 1795, and was one of the nation's defenders in the war of 1812. He was a militiaman, and while not in active service stood ready to respond to his country's call. A brother was mustered into the service at Plattsburgh, N. Y., when but twenty-three years of age, and served through all the notable encounters of that memorable war.

Andrew Peabody was a shoemaker, and while yet a resident of New Hampshire he married, and reared a number of children. The first few years of his life in "the woods" of Lorain county he was employed at his trade, and by exercising great care and economy he was in 1836 enabled to purchase a small heavily-wooded piece of wild land. The greater share of the labor of clearing this piece of land fell upon his sons. During the winter season and earlier months of spring the timber was felled, and then in August the brush was fired. Grain was planted in the clearing, amid the stumps of the fallen trees, and when it was ripened it was cut with the cradle and threshed with the flail. At this time a yoke of oxen brought the magnificent sum of forty dollars, while dairy animals brought ten dollars, chiefly in orders upon some neighboring mercantile establishment, as money was a scarce commodity. Andrew Peabody married Asenath Gillis, a lady of Scotch descent, and a native of New Hampshire, and to them were born ten children, of whom those living are Elnathan, Osman, Frederick, M. B., Mary, Melissia Gill (a widow) and Clara J. Pety, all residents of Henrietta township, Lorain county. The father of these died in 1878, the mother in 1846.

Elnathan Peabody was born October 23, 1830, in New Hampshire, on the Merrimac river. When he was but three years old his parents removed to Ohio, and he was therefore reared in the "Buckeye State." His early boyhood was passed in lending all assistance possible to his parents, and in attending such schools as the period afforded, which being but meager, his education was necessarily limited. His first schoolbooks consisted of an English reader, United States history, and the Bible. In 1855 he married Elizabeth Petty, a daughter of Thomas Petty, who was a pioneer of Lorain county, and of English nationality. The children born to their union are H. B., in Henrietta township; L. F., at home; C. M., near Oberlin;

Mary A. (Mrs. Arnett), residing near Oberlin; and Capitola V. Rhodes, living two miles east of Oberlin. At about the age of twenty-three our subject possessed but one hundred and forty dollars, with which he in part paid for twenty-five acres of land, going in debt for the balance. This land he cleared, and had just finished paying for same, when the Civil war broke out; he enlisted in August, 1864, in Company D, One Hundred and Seventy-eighth O. V. I., Capt. Ed. Rickey, and served till the close of the conflict. He was one of those called "Tennessee Woodticks," who rendered such valuable service near New Berne, N. C. Mr. Peabody is a Republican, and is now a member of the United Brethren Church, although while in the service he was an adherent of Methodism, was a regular attendant at the services held by Chaplain James Mitchel.

WILLIAM M. FRENCH, for nearly threescore years a farmer citizen of Columbia township, is a native of Herefordshire, England, born in 1824.

John French, father of subject, who was born in Gloucestershire, England, married Miss Elizabeth Morton, a native of Herefordshire, whose mother was Welsh. In 1842 the family emigrated to Canada, whence in June, following year, they moved to the United States and to Ohio, settling on a farm in Columbia township, Lorain county, where they cleared a farm, and lived the rest of their lives. The mother died in January, 1855, the father in August, same year. Their family numbered three children, as follows: William M.; Thomas, who went west some years ago; and Sarah Esther, Mrs. N. R. Ingalls, of LaGrange, who died in May, 1891.

The subject of this sketch received his education in his native land, and came with the rest of the family to America. At the age of twenty-two he commenced to learn the trade of cooper in Cleveland, where he followed it nine years, and afterward for some years in Columbia township, Lorain county. In 1852 he bought in that township thirty-five acres of land, to which he added from time to time, until he now owns ninety-five acres in Columbia and forty acres in Olmsted township, Cuyahoga county. In 1852 Mr. French married, in Cleveland, Ohio, Miss Rosina Maxfield, a native of Ireland, and to this union were born six children, of whom the following is a brief record: William Morton, married, who died in 1880; Sarah Elizabeth, wife of Perry D. Spencer, of LaGrange, has four children—Demby Morton, Rosa, Laura and an infant; Lucy, wife of Luther Blodgett, of Olmsted township, has three children: Lee G., Gertie and Edith; George, a physician and surgeon of Columbia Station, Lorain Co., Ohio, who is married and has one child—Emma; Alice, wife of John T. Sheer, of Olmsted, has four children—Allie, Essie, Ray and an infant; Park M., married, resides on the home farm. Politically our subject is a Republican, his first Presidential vote being cast for John C. Fremont; he has served on the school board with zeal and fidelity, and he is a member of the Baptist Church at Columbia Center.

F. C. SMITH, than whom there is no more industrious or honorable citizen in Grafton township, was born July 7, 1842, in Liverpool township, Medina Co., Ohio.

Frederick Smith, father of subject, was a native of Baden, Germany, where he learned the trade of harness maker and whence, when a young man, he came to America, the voyage to New York occupying six weeks. From there he came to Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked at his trade till 1835, in which year he came to Liverpool township, Medina county, buying land there two miles south of the cen-

ter. In Cleveland he had married Barbara ———, and the children born to them in that city were Louisa (married to Adolph Ganzart, a farmer, now deceased), and Caroline (now Mrs. William Zizelman, of Cleveland, Ohio). In Liverpool township the family was increased by three more, namely: Frederick C. (subject of sketch); Adolph (who was a member of Company H, Eighth O. V. I., in which he served three and one-half years; he died in LaGrange township, Lorain Co., Ohio); and Mary (deceased when young). In 1858 the mother of these died and was buried at LaGrange. This event broke up the family, and the father afterward made his home among his children, chiefly with Mrs. Ganzart and our subject. He died in 1885 at the residence of the latter, and was buried in Nesbit cemetery. Politically he was a Whig and Republican.

The subject of this memoir received his education in the district schools of the days of his boyhood until the age of thirteen, when he left home and found work with F. W. Preston, who lived near Rawsonville, receiving for his services four dollars per month. On leaving there he worked at various places until his enlistment in Elyria, Ohio, August 15, 1862, in Company H, Eighth O. V. I., from which he was transferred as sergeant to the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth O. V. I., Company E. They were sent to Kentucky and then to Tennessee, where our subject was shot through the leg, May 11, 1864. He was sent to Cleveland Hospital, where he lay six months; was discharged February 6, 1865, and returned to Grafton, where he found work with his former employer, F. Preston. On the latter's leaving for Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Smith took control of the farm, and conducted it five years on his own account, at the end of which time it was sold, he buying forty acres of it. Here he lived until his removal in 1872 to the town of Grafton, where in 1874 he built his present elegant home. He now conducts a livery, coal and ice business, in addition to carrying on his farm, and in all his undertakings he has met with well-merited success.

On January 8, 1868, Mr. Smith married Miss Alfarette Ackley, born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, in 1849, daughter of Henry and Mary (Dickson) Ackley, and children as follows have been born to them: Charles H., bookkeeper for the Walter A. Wood Harvester Co., Chicago; Hattie M., James D., Clara A., Ida E. and Clayton F., all at home. Politically he is a stanch Republican, has served as township trustee six years, and in the town of Grafton has been treasurer of both the schools and the corporation, serving with credit to himself and satisfaction of his constituents. He and his family are members of the Congregational Church.

FRED NORTON SMITH. The manufacturing interests of Elyria are well represented by this gentleman, who is one of the most active and pushing men in the county. He is a son of William L. and Juliette (Hamlin) Smith, the former a native of England, and at the present time a resident of the State of Washington, the latter a daughter of Judge Hamlin, one of the early settlers of Elyria.

Fred N. Smith was born in Mowsley, Leicestershire, England, August 18, 1848, and first came to this country with his father when less than one year old, returning again to his birthplace at the age of fourteen. The following six years were chiefly spent in school, after which he again returned to the United States, where he completed his education in Oberlin College, his father having graduated from this well-known institution in 1847. After teaching school about one year, on the 1st of April, 1873, he accepted a situation as bookkeeper with Topliff & Ely, manufacturers of carriage hardware in Elyria. In 1887 this firm sold their business to a

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stock company of which Mr. Smith was one of the incorporators. He was elected secretary and treasurer of the new company (The Topliff & Ely Co.), and retained this position until 1892, when he resigned to fill a like position in the Garford Manufacturing Co.

In 1889 he became a partner with Mr. A. L. Garford and Mr. H. S. Follansbee, in a business known as the Garford Manufacturing Co., and has since been actively identified with its growth. Since the incorporation of the Garford Manufacturing Co., in 1891, he has been its secretary and treasurer.

The present building occupied by this company is 100 feet by 40 feet, three stories and basement. This factory was completed about January 1, 1893, employs upward of one hundred men, and has a capacity of about one thousand saddles per day. The plant is fitted up with new and modern machinery throughout, and is undoubtedly the most complete saddle factory in existence to-day.

In 1880 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Louise M. Porter, principal of the Elyria High School, by whom he has one child, Caryl Porter. Mr. Smith is a Republican, and a thorough Protectionist.

CHARLES W. COTTON, a leader among the native-born agriculturists of Lorain county, was born in Sheffield township May 7, 1826, a son of George W. and Rachel (Smith) Cotton.

Benjamin Cotton, grandfather of Charles W., was born May 1, 1758, in Coos (now Grafton) county, New Hampshire. On October 12, 1785, he married, in Wentworth, N. H., Dolly Smith, also a native of New Hampshire, born April 3, 1766, and the names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: Hannah, April 11, 1786; Benjamin N., August 25, 1787; Solomon, February 11, 1789; Dolly, September 24, 1790; Lydia, June 4, 1793; Abigal, March 22, 1795; Jonathan, December 8, 1796; George W., September 18, 1798; David, April 27, 1800; Theodore, September 24, 1802; Wiseman, July 23, 1803; Elizabeth, June 13, 1805; Joseph, April 6, 1807; and William, November 18, 1810. About the year 1834 the grandparents of our subject came to Ohio, first settling in Medina county, and they died in Wayne county, each at the age of eighty-seven years; he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

George W. Cotton, father of subject, was born in New Hampshire, whence in 1817 he came to Ohio, locating in Sheffield township, Lorain county. His wife, Rachel (Smith), was a daughter of Joshua and Martha (Hall) Smith, and all were natives of Berkshire county, Mass. They came to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in Sheffield township in 1812, and here Joshua Smith died in 1816; he was the first white man buried in that township; his wife died in 1859. On March 26, 1833, George W. Cotton moved to Elyria township, and there died in April, 1865, his wife in 1849. Their family numbered five children, as follows: Jerome (deceased in 1852), Charles W. (subject of sketch), Martha (widow of Frank Younglove, of Virginia), N. L. (of North Amherst, Lorain county) and George J. (residing in Lansing, Michigan).

Charles W. Cotton received a limited district-school education, and learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed some years. In 1872 he was married to Miss Catherine Arman, a native of Lorain county, Ohio, and daughter of Jacob Arman, of German birth. To this union were born five children, viz.: George W., Edwin, Erman, Dora and Daisy. In 1887 Mr. Cotton bought a farm in Elyria township, and has since been successfully engaged in general farming and fruit growing. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Battery E, First Ohio Light Artillery, for three years, and was attached

to the army of Tennessee. He participated in the battles of Cumberland Gap, Perryville, Murfreesboro, and many other minor engagements. In 1865 he was discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio, and returned home to the pursuits of peace. Politically he is a strong Republican; he is a member of Richard Allen Post No. 65, G. A. R., Department of Ohio.

H. D. ROOT. This gentleman, who has been a shipbuilder for the past forty years, and whose name is "familiar as household words" among mariners and others, is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, born in Black River township in 1833.

He is the younger of two children born to Oresten and Julia Ann (Dutton) Root, natives of Farmington, Conn., the father born in 1800. Oresten Root was well educated in the schools of his place of birth, and early in life went to Georgia, where he was in business for a time, after which he moved to Buffalo, N. Y., where he married, and there remained until 1828, in which year he proceeded to Cleveland, thence to Wellington, Lorain county. He had bought land in the Reserve, and in 1830 he settled in Black River township, on what is known as the Gregg farm. Later he was engaged for several years in the commission and forwarding business, having a warehouse at Black River, near the lake. He also owned an interest in the schooners "President" and "Vincennes," and was entire owner of the "Equator," built in 1842, which was lost on the lake, near Buffalo, uncovered by insurance. He was drowned in 1852 when the propeller "Henry Clay" was lost. Mr. Root was an Old-line Whig, active in politics, and was a justice of the peace for many years. His widow died in Lorain in 1871. They had another son besides our subject, Samuel J., who was born in Lorain county, educated in Lorain, was a sailor all his life, and served as a man before the mast up to captain. In 1889 he was skipper of the yacht "Leo," which was lost that year in Lake Erie, near Cleveland, with all on board—nine in number; he left a widow and three children.

H. D. Root, whose name opens this sketch, received his education at the schools of Lorain, and at about the age of fifteen commenced the life of a sailor; at twenty he was captain, and he sailed the lakes continuously for thirteen years. He learned shipbuilding under William Jones, one of the earliest shipbuilders of Lorain, and in 1853 embarked in that business at the same place, since when he has built the following vessels there: First scow, "Cousin Mary;" 1857—"E. S. Taylor;" 1861—"E. K. Kane;" 1862—"Conrad Reid;" 1863—"H. D. Root;" 1865—"Henry Chapman;" 1866-67—brig "E. Cohen;" 1867—scow "Fannie L. Jones," and another scow; 1868—schooner "Vernie Blake;" the "Ida J. Root;" "German;" "Growler;" and rebuilt scow "Ferret;" 1873—steam barge "Mary Groh;" 1873-74—schooner "Three Brothers;" 1874-75—schooner "Our Son;" 1875—tug "Myrtle;" 1876—the "Theodore Voyes;" 1877—the "Col. Gates;" 1878—tug "Telephone" and schooner "Ohio Grover;" 1879—steam barge "Luella Worthington" and tug "George W. Lorimer;" 1880—"W. H. Doon" and schooner "Conrad Reid;" 1881—rebuilt the "C. L. Hutchinson" tow-barge; 1881-82—the "DeGinty" and tow-barge "R. Botaford;" 1882—steam barge "H. S. Hubbell" and tugs "C. E. Bolton" and "Chamberlain." At Vermillion, Erie county, he built the following: 1882—tug "J. F. Weyland," the "Marquette," the "J. S. Petton." At Cleveland he built the steam barge "J. P. Farnham," the "Margaret," the "Olwell" and the "Fire Tug." At Lorain he rebuilt the steam barges "John Martena," the "W. T." and the "Albert Y. Gowen;" built the "Fairport" and the tug "Daisy Moore," for

self; 1891—the tug "J. E. Erwin;" 1892—the tug "Susie B.," besides doing a vast amount of repairing, keeping employed as many as eighty men at one time.

In 1855 Capt. Root was married in Cleveland, Ohio, to Jeanette A. Fuller, a native of Sheffield township, Lorain county, a daughter of W. A. and Chloe (McNeil) Fuller, of Connecticut, and of Scotch ancestry, the mother a distant relative of John Quincy Adams. In about 1820 they came to Lorain county, where the mother died; the father passed away at Arcadia, Neb. To Capt. and Mrs. Root were born three children, viz.: Ernest, who died at Lorain in 1885, leaving a widow and six children; W. O., married, and residing in Cleveland, where he is head draftsman for the Hill Clutch Works; and Nettie R., wife of Walter Goodell, of Lorain. In politics Capt. Root has been a lifelong Republican, his first vote being cast for John C. Fremont, and he has served in the town council of Lorain. He is a member of Tent No. 1, K. O. T. M., and of the M. E. Church, with which the entire family are associated.

W. J. KREBS, an influential, leading citizen of Penfield township, was born December 13, 1846, in Orange township, Ashland Co., Ohio, a grandson of Christian Krebs.

His father, Daniel G. Krebs, was born July 14, 1814, in Columbiana county, Ohio, and was reared to farm life. He was married, in Orange township, Ashland county, to Catherine Rickett, who was born May 27, 1818, in East Bethlehem township, Washington Co., Penn., daughter of Christopher Rickett, also a native of that place, where he married Mary Horn; they came to Ohio in June, 1823, and were the third family to settle in Orange township, Ashland county. To Mr. and Mrs. Krebs were born seven children, of whom W. J. is the second son and third child. Mr. Krebs died January 19, 1857, of typhoid fever, and was buried in St. Luke cemetery, Orange township. In politics he was a Democrat. His widow, who is still living, makes her home with a daughter, Mrs. J. H. Crawford, of Lodi, Medina Co., Ohio.

After the father's death the family were left in limited circumstances, and Mrs. Krebs, who had learned the weaver's trade, was engaged in the summer season making homespun, thus supporting the younger children. At this time our subject left home to work for Peter Snyder, a farmer, receiving five dollars a month for his services, and he continued to follow farming during the summers, one-half of his wages going to his widowed mother, and in the winter seasons attending the common schools of the period. He was a very industrious youth, and worked at any honest labor he could find, practicing economy and saving all he could. He remained in Orange township, Ashland county, until the spring of 1864, when he moved with his mother to Rochester, Lorain Co., Ohio. On November 17, 1872, he was united in marriage, in Rochester township, Lorain county, with Miss Sarah H. Andrews, who was born August 4, 1850, in Wiltshire, England, daughter of Thomas Andrews, who came to the United States in 1852, locating in Spencer township, Medina Co., Ohio. After marriage Mr. Krebs removed to a farm in Rochester township, which he rented from A. B. Strodger, and there remained three years, when, having sold to his brother, R. W., a one-third interest, which he had at the time of his marriage, in 140 acres of land (whereon the family had removed in 1867), he purchased ninety acres and made his home thereon one year, when, anticipating a decline in the value of land (which actually came), he sold it. On March 1, 1877, he came to Penfield, Lorain county, where, in company with his brother R. B., he embarked in the mercantile business, conducting same with well-earned success for twelve years, since when he has lived a semi-retired life.

During Hayes' administration Mr. Krebs was appointed postmaster at Penfield, serving as such for a period of six years, and on July 21, 1893, he again received the appointment, under Grover Cleveland. In State and National contests Mr. Krebs is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party, but in township and county affairs he is influenced more by the ability and fitness of candidates than by party lines. He is strictly temperate in his habits, never using either tobacco or liquor in any way. In religious connection he and his wife are active members of the M. E. Church, in which he is trustee, and where he has also held other offices; for some time he was secretary of the Sunday-school. Mr. and Mrs. Krebs have two children, namely: Stella, a popular young lady teacher, connected with the primary department of the Penfield graded schools, where she was the first instructor; and Carrie M., at home.

Though a resident of Penfield township for a comparatively brief space of time, Mr. Krebs has made an enviable record, and fully merits the respect and esteem which are everywhere accorded him. He was elected township clerk of Penfield township in 1880, and so satisfactorily did he discharge the duties of that office that he was re-elected ten terms in succession. He was also elected justice of the peace in 1883, and has held that office ever since. He is now serving his fourth term as justice with credit to himself and to his constituents. By his faithful attention to business, hard work and economy he has accumulated property, and has placed himself in good, comfortable circumstances.

L. B. PRATT, retired, having his residence in the town of Wellington, where in 1883 he built a comfortable home, is a native of New York State, born in Deerfield, Oneida county, November 27, 1821.

Benjamin Pratt, father of subject, was born in New Jersey, whence in his youth he moved to New York State, making a settlement in Oneida county, where he married Miss Lucy Biddlecomb, a native of that county, who bore him four children, viz.: Daniel, who resided in Huntington, where he purchased a farm and passed the greater part of his life, dying near Medina, in Medina county, Ohio; Caroline, who married Louis Gilbert, of Oneida county, N. Y., and now lives near Utica, same State; Benjamin, a farmer in Huntington township, and L. B. Mr. Pratt conducted a meat market for several years in Deerfield, Oneida county, where he and his wife both passed away, he in 1828, she in her forty-fifth year.

L. B. Pratt, of whom this sketch more particularly relates, was seven years old when he lost his father, and as a consequence his school advantages were somewhat limited; but, nevertheless, he succeeded in receiving a good practical elementary education. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed in his native county till 1844, in which year he came west to Lorain county, Ohio, and bought a piece of wild land in Huntington township, which he cleared up and converted into a fertile farm. With his grandfather, Daniel Biddlecomb, in Oneida county, N. Y., he had commenced the study of veterinary surgery, a profession he pursued during recent years. His first experience was with a disease among cattle known as "bloody murrain," and he was so successful in his treatment of it that he was encouraged to continue the study, finally becoming as skillful a veterinarian as any in the county. In 1885 he retired from the farm to take up his residence in the town of Wellington, where to some extent he still practices his profession.

Mr. Pratt has been twice married, first time to Miss Rachel Camilla Warner, by which union there is one child, a son, Otis, a gifted artist in sculpture, who studied with Hiram Powers and Larkin

Mead; he has traveled over the world, and resided four years in Paris; he now lives in Oceanville, N. J. This wife died in 1879, and for his second our subject married, in 1883, Miss Hattie Johnston. Politically Mr. Pratt is a Democrat, formerly a Republican.

L. J. HART, one of the youngest and most enterprising of the business men of Elyria, and member of the firm of Hart & Tucker, proprietors of planing-mills and lumber yard, in that town, is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, born June 30, 1865, a son of John W. and Caroline (Bassett) Hart.

Our subject received his literary education in the high schools of Elyria, afterward taking a course at the Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. On his return home he joined his father in the stone quarry business at Grafton, in Lorain county, but selling out his interest in this, he and his brother-in-law, Charles E. Tucker, bought the present lumber business and planing-mill from John Hart, subject's father, and they have since successfully operated same, the style of the firm being Hart & Tucker. In connection with their interests in this they do an extensive contracting and building business, altogether employing an average of one hundred hands. Politically Mr. Hart is a Democrat, and socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

JOSEPH BLANTERN. England has given to the United States a large proportion of her industrious, loyal and prosperous citizens, among whom may be justly numbered the gentleman whose name here appears.

Mr. Blantern is a native of Shropshire, England, born August 28, 1827, a son of Robert Blantern, also an Englishman by birth, born January 30, 1772, and who was reared a farmer boy. When yet a youth he left the paternal roof to make his home with a wealthy bachelor uncle, a Shropshire farmer, and with him he lived until his marriage with Miss Elizabeth Turner, who was born in England in June, 1787. He then located on thirty acres of land in Shropshire, to which he had fallen heir through the death of a relative. While living on this farm children were born to him as follows: Hannah, residing at Grafton, widow of Thomas Hopwood, to whom she was married in England; Mary, who was married in England to Richard Ridgeway, and died in Ridgeville township, Lorain county; a son who died in infancy; Fannie, who was married in Lorain county, Ohio, to Henry Swartz, a tailor of Elyria, and died in Toledo; Robert, a tanner, of Litchfield, Medina county; Sarah, who married Samuel Lynds, and died in 1891 in Paulding county, Ohio; Martha, widow of John Pierce, residing in York township, Medina county; a son who died in infancy; and Joseph, subject of this memoir.

Having decided to come to the United States, our subject's father had to get a decree from the English Government to sell his land, on account of the "law of entail." Having settled everything, in March, 1831, he and his family set sail from Liverpool on the vessel "Ceres," which experienced a lengthy voyage, some six weeks, during which she was driven so far north that Greenland was visible from her masthead, and the passengers saw several whales spouting and sporting in the water. The sailors caught a porpoise, and our subject, then not four years old, distinctly remembers seeing it cut up for the cook's "kettle." On the ocean Robert Blantern's youngest child was born, and at the request of the Captain was named "Ceres," after the vessel; two years and nine months afterward the little one was carried off by scarlet fever. From New York the family journeyed to Cleveland via the Hudson river, Erie Canal and Lake Erie. Here Mr. Blantern was informed by a Mr.

Dryer, that Grafton township, where his home was, would be a good place to locate, and offered to convey thither the entire family and chattels, which offer was readily accepted. After arrival Mr. Blantern purchased eighty-five acres partly cleared land, having thereon a log cabin, that after two years gave place to a better one, which the subject of this sketch utilizes as a granary. Here the parents passed the rest of their pioneer days, the father passing away February 9, 1849, his widow on December 1, 1879, aged over ninety-two years, having lived with her son Joseph from the time of the death of her husband. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church.

Joseph Blantern, of whom this sketch more particularly relates, received his education at the early schools of Grafton township, which, however, he attended but four months in the year, as his services were too valuable at home in assisting in clearing up the land. His father for many years before his death was a sufferer from rheumatism, and on young "Joe" devolved a great deal of the hard work, especially as his only brother, Robert, had left home to learn a trade. At odd times while on the farm he picked up carpentry, at which he worked for a time in Grand Rapids, Mich., and while there he married, July 24, 1852, Miss Laura Ames, of that place. To this union were born four children, as follows: Elmer, a barber of Toledo, Ohio, formerly superintendent of Leetonia (Ohio) school; Charlotte, who died when aged five years four months and two days, and was buried in Nesbit cemetery; Sarah, Mrs. William Mole, of Grafton; and Llewellyn, a farmer and schoolteacher of Grafton township. After marriage the young couple lived on the home farm in Grafton township some years, of which he still owns thirty-five of the original eighty-five acres bought by his father, having paid off all the legacies. For the past fourteen years he has lived on his present place, on which in 1882 he erected a pleasant and commodious residence, and he now owns in all 182 acres of as fine land as can be found in the county, all accumulated by incessant toil and assiduous perseverance. In addition to this he has assisted the several members of his family to good homes of their own, and a fair start in life. Mr. Blantern and his first wife were divorced in 1878, and in 1879 he married Miss Helen Perry, who was born in New York State. Politically he is a Democrat, but in township matters he invariably votes for the man best suited to the position, regardless of party. He is a well-known and highly respected citizen, his religion being the "Golden Rule of Life," has never had a lawsuit, and deals "fair and square" with every one.

O. S. NICHOLS, proprietor of meat market, Elyria, was born August 21, 1829, in Cortland county, N.Y., a son of Asa and Harriet (Smith) Nichols, natives of Hartford, Conn., where they were married and where some of their children were born.

In 1835 they came west from Cortland county, N. Y., where they had followed farming, and settling in Lorain county the father there carried on a stone quarrying business. He was born in 1792, and died at the age of eighty years; a Whig originally in politics, he afterward voted the straight Republican ticket. The mother lived to be seventy-five years old. They were the parents of ten children (nine of them grew to maturity, four yet survive), of whom the subject of this sketch is the fifth in order of birth.

O. S. Nichols received his elementary education at the district schools, finishing at select school. His first work was on a farm, but disliking agricultural pursuits he ran away from home, and making his way eastward to the seacoast, at New Bedford, Mass., being fond of adventure, he

resolved to go to sea. Shipping aboard a merchantship, his first voyage was into the Indian Ocean and to the Sandwich Islands; thence sailed to the Behring Sea, and the Arctic Ocean; thence to China, and homeward again by way of San Francisco, at which port he concluded to remain. Here he resided for some years, working at first in the capacity of stevedore. He then assisted in fitting out the first ship for a line running between San Francisco and China. In 1861 he returned to his old home in Lorain county, Ohio, and same year came to Elyria, where in 1864 he opened out his present prosperous meat market.

Mr. Nichols was married April 14, 1862, to Miss Delia Rockwood, and two children have been born to them: James and Dora. In his political preferences our subject is a Republican, and he is a member of the F. & A. M. He is possessed of good business ability, has an excellent trade, and enjoys the respect and confidence of the public at large. He claims lineal descent from "Mayflower" Puritans, and his grandfather Nichols fought valiantly in the war of the Revolution.

D. M. ADAMS, who for many years was one of the leading stock buyers of the southern part of Lorain county, was born February 11, 1819, in Hector, Seneca county, New York.

Our subject is the second son and fourth child of John M. Adams, who was born in 1785, son of Benjamin Adams. The family came originally from England, locating first in Massachusetts, then in Litchfield county, Conn., and thence moving to New York State, where they first lived in Dutchess county, and finally settled in Danby, Tompkins county. Benjamin Adams was a distant relative of John Adams and John Quincy Adams. He was a tailor by trade. John Murray Adams, father of our subject, was also a tailor, and moved about with his father, Benjamin, from place to place. He was married, in Connecticut, to Polly Ann Wheeler, and they had twelve children, five of whom are yet living, viz.: D. M., subject proper of this sketch; Elizabeth Ann, widow of Orrin Parsons, of Wardsborough, Windham Co., Vt.; Eveline M., widow of Henry Murphy, also living in Wardsborough, Windham Co., Vt.; Charles B., a farmer of Lawrence, Kans.; and Maria A., residing in Chicago, Ill., widow of John W. Starr, who was a real-estate broker, and died in Washington, D. C. John M. Adams died of cholera during the epidemic, on August 10, 1854, in Shiloh, Richland Co., Ohio, while on a visit to his son, Benjamin. His widow passed away November 4, 1872, in Breckenridge, Mo., a member of the M. E. Church. The Adams family is an illustrious one, and among the prominent members thereof we mention Alonzo W. Adams, who enlisted in the Black Horse Cavalry, and during his service rose from the ranks to general. He subsequently practiced law in New York and in Washington, D. C., but being taken sick in the latter place came to the home of our subject to recuperate; however, he died in Cleveland on the return trip to Washington, and was buried in LaGrange cemetery, Lorain county, Ohio, in a lot provided by Mr. D. M. Adams.

D. M. Adams passed his earlier years on a farm in Tompkins county, N. Y., whither he had been brought when an infant, and where he remained until sixteen years old. He received his education at the common schools; he was naturally a bright scholar, and was also possessed of considerable mechanical genius, being able to work at almost any trade, and proving especially adept at painting and carpenter work. When he was sixteen years of age his parents came to Cleveland, Ohio, where the father commenced to work at his trade of tailor, and later came to Eaton township, Lorain county, remaining, however, but a short time, when he again resumed his

trade in Cleveland. Our subject remained for some time in Eaton township, and then went to the town of Boston, in Cuyahoga county, where with a capital of two hundred dollars he opened a grocery store, and also carried on a hat store. Subsequently he traded his business to a man from New York named Perry, for a farm of one hundred acres in Sullivan county, N. Y., and went east to look after his farm, which he lost, as the title proved to be worthless. Not discouraged by this experience, he began again, and in 1839 started on the return trip to Ohio, stopping *en route* at Erie, Penn., where he worked at the carpenter trade for a year. He then came to Portage county, Ohio, where he was married, in October, 1840, to Jane A. Trotter, born December 25, 1819, in Messina village, Jefferson Co., N. Y., a daughter of Richard Trotter, who afterward came to Portage county, Ohio. The young couple commenced housekeeping in Aurora township, Portage county, where he purchased 130 acres of land, on which they resided until 1850, when he sold out and came to LaGrange township, Lorain county. Here he purchased from Z. Ensign his present farm, comprising 225 acres of good land, upon which, in 1859, he built at a cost of seven thousand dollars a very comfortable residence, then the finest in the township; he drew the plans for this house himself, made all the brick, and took upon himself the overseeing of the building, there being no contract work on the place. While engaged in the business, and while residing in that place, he bought and sold more stock than any other man in the business in Lorain county. He was among the original promoters and stockholders of the Lorain Plank Road, had a contract for seven and a half miles of same, and it was mainly through his efforts that LaGrange village secured this road; otherwise it would have gone by Grafton. He was superintendent of this road five years, and also served the same length of time as manager and collector. He had made many trips to New York City, and it was during one of these that he met with the accident —falling through a railroad bridge— which caused him to give up the business. He had a most extensive acquaintance.

To the union of D. M. and Jane A. Adams came children as follows: Velorias L., of Belden, Lorain Co., Ohio; Benjamin F., a farmer of LaGrange; Eliza J., now Mrs. L. G. Parsons, of Greenville, Ohio; and Ella A., now Mrs. D. D. Gott, of Greenville, Ohio. The mother of these died October 31, 1877, and was buried in LaGrange cemetery, and on August 4, 1880, Mr. Adams was married to Miss Ella M. Moorehouse, of Cortland, N. Y. Politically he was originally a Whig, then a Republican until 1872, when he became a Democrat, and in 1892 he joined the Farmers Alliance; he takes little interest in party affairs, and has refused various township offices. He is a very temperate man, and never uses either tobacco or intoxicating liquor in any form. Owing to his eminent qualities as a business manager, Mr. Adams acts as guardian for a number of orphans, and has settled up various estates; he is now engaged in collecting the celebrated *Award* in favor of the La Abra Silver Mining Company, of the city of New York, against the Republic of Mexico.

RICHARD DE WITT PERRY, superintendent of The Western Automatic Machine Screw Co., Elyria, is a representative self-made man, and a living example of what willing heart and hands and indomitable perseverance can accomplish.

He is a son of Clinton DeWitt and Celia (Spencer) Perry, and was born in South Manchester, Conn., January 12, 1857. His parents are also natives of the Nutmeg State, the father born in North Manchester, the mother in South Manchester, and after marriage they were resi-

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dents of Hartford, where the father was engaged in general business; they still reside there. The paternal grandfather of subject was a physician, and the patronymic of his maternal grandparents was Spencer (the grandmother's maiden name being Hollister). C. M. Spencer, uncle of Richard DeW. Perry, was the inventor of the widely-known Spencer rifle, and also of the Spencer automatic machine screw.

The subject of these lines was educated in his native town, and learned his trade with the Hartford Machine Screw Company, with whom he remained many years, filling nearly every position in the mechanical department, and becoming thoroughly efficient in each. In 1883 he was appointed manager of The Western Automatic Machine Screw Company, at Elyria, and has ever since had charge of all the mechanical work done in that institution, which is by far the largest manufacturing concern of its kind in the West. Since Mr. Perry's connection with it, its trade has expanded vastly, and new buildings have been added to accommodate the fast increasing business, all of which development is mainly due to his thorough knowledge of the business, and his natural energy and progressiveness.

In 1883 Mr. Perry was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Swan, and three children have been born to them, viz.: Philip W., Hester and Richard De Witt, Jr. In his political preferences our subject is a Republican, and in the spring of 1893 he was elected a member of the board of education of Elyria. He has recently erected a handsome residence on West Third street, which has been equipped with all modern improvements.

ERASTUS BRADLEY, who in his lifetime was a well-to-do farmer of Pittsfield township, was born July 6, 1806, in Lee, Mass. His father, Jesse Bradley, was born December 9, 1763, at New Haven, Conn., and on December 9, 1790, married Lucy Munson, by which union there were nine children, of whom Erastus was the seventh in order of birth.

Our subject received a common-school education, and, as his father's family was a large one, was obliged to begin life for himself at an early age, going to New York, where he learned the trade of cloth dresser. Mr. Bradley was twice married in New York State, but of the children born to both marriages none lived to adult age. About 1840, his brother Jesse having died in Knox county, Ill., Mr. Bradley made a journey thither to settle up the estate, and while *en route* made a short visit in Pittsfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he met the lady who subsequently became his wife. After adjusting the affairs of his brother in Knox county, Ill., he returned to Pittsfield township, where on August 23, 1842, he was united in marriage with Miss Orpha I. Phelps, who was born February 27, 1814, in Norfolk, Litchfield Co., Conn. In 1836 her parents, Bethuel and Levina (Norton) Phelps, migrated from Norfolk, Litchfield Co., Conn., to Ohio, coming by way of canal and lake to Cleveland, thence to Lorain county, where they settled on a farm on the north and south center road, two miles south of the center of Pittsfield township; here the father died in 1880, at the age of ninety-three years. After his marriage Mr. Bradley lived for some time with his father-in-law, and then bought a farm in Huntington township, returning, however, to Pittsfield township, where in later years he bought the farm whereon he died, and where his widow still resides. By this union there were children as follows: Mary, born July 13, 1843, who died when three years old; and Delphine, born May 6, 1845, who died when aged twenty-seven years.

Mr. Bradley passed from earth April 16, 1888, and was buried in the South cemetery of Pittsfield township. In politics he was a Republican, and took considerable interest in local affairs, serving

as treasurer and in other positions of trust in his township. Though not engaging in active farm work to any great extent, he conducted successfully a general farming and dairying business, which his widow now manages, and she has proved herself a woman of unquestioned business sagacity. She is one of the oldest members of the Episcopal Church at Oberlin, as was also her husband. Mrs. Bradley is one of the most highly respected and intelligent ladies of Pittsfield township, and though already past her threescore years and ten, is still in full possession of her mental faculties; she takes great delight in reading.

F. W. EDISON, proprietor of the leading hardware store in Lorain, uncle of Edison, the world-famed electrician and inventor, is a Canadian by birth, having first seen the light in the county of Elgin, Ontario, in July, 1832.

His father, Samuel Edison, was born in Newark, N. J., March 5, 1761, of Holland-Dutch (Amsterdam) ancestry, and in 1805 removed to Nova Scotia, thence to what is now the Province of Ontario, Canada, where he died March 27, 1865. He was twice married, his second wife being Elizabeth (Yocum), by whom he had five children, our subject being the youngest but one; she was born in Philadelphia May 8, 1799, and died in March, 1891.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the common schools of his native place, and served an apprenticeship at the tinner's trade. In 1854 he came to the United States, where for nearly fifteen years prior to his marriage he was a journeyman tinsmith, in the literal sense, for he traveled continuously all over the country, working at his trade. At the time of the breaking out of the Civil war he was in Kentucky, and from there came north, at various times visiting and sojourning in Port Huron (Mich.), Cleveland and Detroit. From the latter place he returned in 1865 to his home in Canada, and married an old schoolmate, Miss Emily Johnston, who was then teaching school; on the day of her wedding, she taught school up to noon, and at two o'clock was married! The young couple then resided in Port Huron, Cleveland and Detroit, respectively, until March 15, 1872, when they came to Lorain, where Mr. Edison opened out a tin-shop, and commenced a flourishing business; in 1878 he put in a full line of hardware, etc., having now one of the best assorted stocks of the kind in the county. Mrs. Emily Edison died in 1881, the mother of three children: Homer, Harry and Grace, and in 1884 our subject married, in Michigan, Martha Bell. Politically he is a Republican; he is a Chapter Mason, and a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Order of Tonti.

HEMAN BARROWS (deceased), who had been a resident of Avon township, since early childhood, was born in 1826 in Riga, Monroe Co., N. Y., a son of Adnah and Clarissa (Day) Barrows, the former of whom was a native of Connecticut, the latter of Bennington, Vermont.

Adnah Barrows, who was born January 17, 1797, when a youth removed to New York, in which State he remained until 1828, when he came by water to Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio, taking up a farm in the woods of Section 10, near French Creek, where he passed the rest of his days. He died October 3, 1856, a stanch Democrat in politics; his wife, born October 3, 1800, died November 26, 1882. They were the parents of six children, as follows: James R., married, who resides in Avon township; Lyman, who died in Michigan about 1889; Heman, subject proper of this memoir; Lydia, widow of Jacob Walker, of North Amherst; Mary,

who died about 1836; and Eliza, wife of Edward S. Fitch, of Avon township. Grandfather Benjamin Day, who was a native of Vermont, was a soldier in the Revolution, serving with General Washington; was with him at Valley Forge, in Pennsylvania, and saw Major Andre executed; he also served in the war of 1812. He died in Bennington, Vt., at the age of ninety-three.

Heman Barrows, whose name introduces this sketch, was two years of age when brought by his parents to Avon township, where he was educated in the log-cabin schools of the day. He was reared on the home farm to agricultural life, in which he has always continued, and he now owns a fertile farm of twenty-five acres, in a good state of cultivation, where he has resided since 1888. On September 23, 1843, he was married, in Avon township, to Miss Cordelia Gillett, a native of same, daughter of Gresham and Betsy (Moe) Gillett, early pioneers of the township, where both died. To this union were born children as follows: Chester, who was born August 9, 1845, and died in Avon township May 15, 1868; Frank, born November 30, 1847, now residing in Huron, Erie county, is married and has four children—Eugenia, Samuel, Nona, and one whose name is not given; Miles, born August 15, 1852, died September 6, 1853; Horace, born in 1854, married January 1, 1877, Sarepta Moon, and died January 31, 1879, in Avon township; Charley, born April 18, 1859, died November 9, 1860; and Ada, born December 28, 1863, wife of Arthur Buck, of Atchison county, Kansas. The mother of these died in 1872, and June 14, 1884, our subject was again married, this time to Mrs. Sarepta Barrows, a native of Van-Buren county, Mich., daughter of John L. and Mary Anna (Bonsor) Moon, the father a native of Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio, the mother of England, from which country she came when eight years old; both died in Avon township. To this second marriage was born October 24, 1889, one child, Clara Day. John L. Moon was born April 9, 1829, and died June 16, 1886; Mary Anna Bonsor was born February 13, 1836, and died July 30, 1882. They were married September 18, 1853, and six children were born to them, as follows: (1) Sarepta, (2) George H., (3) Ellen R., (4) Lucy A., (5) John L. and (6) Bird. Of these, (2) George H. was married in 1887 to Miss Flora Halliday, and two children were born to them: Hazel, who died at the age of nine months, and Howard J., born in 1892. (3) Ellen R. was married to Charles A. Pardee in 1879, and died December 17, same year; they had one child named Nellie Moon. (5) John L. married Miss Mary Halliday November 16, 1888.

Heman Barrows, the subject of this sketch, died November 26, 1893. He was a well-known character in the town in which he lived, and had an extensive acquaintance throughout the country. He held many offices of public trust, and in all of them did he perform his duty with fidelity. He was a man of more than ordinary natural ability, and he had made good use of his opportunities. Respected by all his acquaintances while living, his memory will be honored by them now that he has passed away. In politics he was an active member of the Democratic party, and he served as justice of the peace in Avon township for twenty-four years; as assessor, ten years; real-estate assessor, two terms; and as township trustee, twenty years. He was also a notary public in the township for years.

WALKER S. TERRY, farmer of Grafton township, is a son of Eleazer Terry, a native of New Hampshire, born in 1791 in the town of Colebrook, whence he moved to New York State and then to Ohio, in both of which States he followed farming. He married Miss Hannah Sawyer, born in

1794, and the children born to them before coming to Ohio in 1834 or 1835 were as follows: Ransom, deceased in Michigan; Lewis and Orrin, both of whom died in California; Philinda, married to J. M. Doan, and died in California; Lucinda, an invalid, living with our subject; Austin, deceased in Michigan; Lois, now Mrs. William Johnston, of California; Amanda, married to Frank Doan, died in 1853 *en route* to California; and William, who died in Texas. After coming to Ohio three children were added to the family, all of whom were born in Grafton township, to wit: Gardner A., now living in Michigan; Walker S., and Jonathan, the latter of whom died in Grafton. The father departed this life in 1871, the mother on October 5, 1881, and they sleep their last sleep in Belden cemetery. Prior to coming to Ohio Eleazer Terry had worked in an eastern distillery, and when he arrived here had but limited means, but when he died was comparatively opulent. In Lorain county he settled on a farm in Grafton township, where our subject now lives, the place at that time being wild woodland. He served in the war of 1812, and was present at the battle of Plattsburgh; was a Democrat in politics, and the entire family were looked upon as unassuming Christian people. Asa Terry, father of Eleazer, was a Revolutionary soldier.

W. S. Terry, the subject proper of this memoir, was born February 7, 1836, and received his education, during the winter months, in the public schools of the early days of Grafton township, up to the age of fifteen. He was reared a true pioneer farmer boy, and remained under the parental roof until he was eighteen years of age, when he went to Michigan, where, in St. Joseph county, he worked in a sawmill nine years, at the end of which time he returned to Ohio. In 1857 he married Rowena D. Benton, and, then, with his young wife, once more proceeded to Michigan, this time working at the milling business and on a farm, also buying land there. In 1870 he returned to Ohio, and has since been carrying on general farming, being now owner of the homestead farm in Grafton township, Lorain county, in connection with which he operated a threshing machine for several years. In December, 1863, Mr. Terry enlisted at Leonidas, Michigan, in the Eleventh Mich. V. I., and was sent to recruit the ranks of that regiment thinned by the bullet and disease; he was assigned to Company F. They were ordered to Chattanooga, participated in the battle of Resaca, and the march to Atlanta with Sherman; then returned to Chattanooga as a detachment. After a service of twenty-two months Mr. Terry was honorably discharged, and returned to Michigan.

By his first wife there were no children, and she died in 1889. In 1891 he married Florence Giesey Benton, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1864, daughter of Frederick Giesey, a native of Paris, France, where he was educated for the priesthood. Politically W. S. Terry is a Populist, formerly a Republican.

LEONARD G. HAMILTON. In March, 1647, there was born in Glasgow, Scotland, one Sir William Hamilton, who came to America in 1668, married an English girl named Mary Berry, and settled in North Kingston, Rhode Island.

Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Roberts, and died at the age of one hundred and two years; Joseph, born in 1693, died in Redding, Conn., aged eighty-six years; Thankful, married to a Mr. Sweet, and died aged one hundred and two years; William, Jr., who settled in Rhode Island, and died when ninety-eight years old; David, born in North Kingston, Conn., April 11, 1697, died in Sharon, Conn., in 1779, at the age of eighty-two years; Benjamin, born in

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1701, died aged ninety-five; Elisha, drowned at an early age; Nathaniel, killed by a fall from a tree; John, died young. The father of these children, like the majority of them, lived to a patriarchal age, dying when five score and two years old.

William Hamilton, Jr., eldest son of Sir William, had five children, viz.: William, who married Sarah Benedict; Silas, married to Elizabeth Knapp; Joseph (2), born in 1730, married to Thankful Taylor; Ruth, wife of John Knapp, and Catharine, wife of Nathaniel Gregory. Of these Silas and Joseph (2) settled in Danbury, Conn., and Joseph and Thankful (Taylor) Hamilton had children as follows: Joseph, Jr., Eden (grandfather of the subject proper of these lines, L. G. Hamilton), Asel, Eliakim and Ezra.

Eden Hamilton, son of Joseph, Jr., was born in New Fairfield, five miles north of Danbury, Conn., in 1763, and was an eye-witness to the burning of that town by the British during the Revolutionary war. He married Zilla Lindsley, and removed to North Harpersfield, Delaware Co., N. Y., where he remained till 1820, in which year he came as a pioneer to Medina county, Ohio, where he carried on agriculture. He was born in 1763, and died in 1850; his wife was born in 1760, and died in 1828. He was an Old-line Whig in politics, in Church connection a Baptist. The following are the names and dates of birth and death of their children, who were all born in Harpersfield, N. Y.: Talmon, born September 18, 1782, died October 20, 1878; Ira, born 1784, died September 28, 1795; Anson, born 1786, died May 18, 1860; Adna, born 1790, died 1850; Arsa, born 1792, died October 22, 1838; Phœbe, born 1795, died July 26, 1846; Matthew Lindsley, born January 20, 1797, died November 3, 1881; Elizabeth, born 1800, died 1822; Eden (father of subject), born 1802, died September 17, 1849.

Eden Hamilton, Jr., youngest in the family of Eden and Zilla (Lindsley) Hamilton, grew to manhood in his native town, where he was educated and reared to farm life. About the year 1820 he migrated to Ohio, where he made a settlement in the wilds of what is now Medina county, and here followed farming to the close of his life. He was among the first settlers in that section (the first being Zenos Hamilton, his cousin, who came in 1814), his nearest neighbor, for some eighteen months after his location there, being seven miles distant. Eden, Jr., married Miss Celestia Fletcher, and the children born to them were as follows: Leonard G., Hiram F., Marcus N. and Nancy A. In politics Eden, Jr., was an Old-line Whig, and he was a member of the Baptist Church. Several of the Hamilton family moved to Ohio, among them being Matthew Lindsley Hamilton (uncle of subject), who came in 1816 and took up land, returned to his old home to be married to Achsa Beardsly, and made his final settlement in Medina county, in 1817. In fact, all of subject's uncles, excepting Talmon, removed to Medina county between the years 1816 and 1820, and his aunts located on the Cleveland and Wooster stage road, all in about the same neighborhood. Hamilton's Corners, about four miles north of the town of Medina, was named for them.

Leonard G. Hamilton was born November 26, 1828, at Hamilton's Corners, Medina Co., Ohio, and received but limited school advantages. He worked from boyhood on his father's farm until twenty years of age, when he returned to the old home of his people—North Harpersfield, Delaware Co., N. Y.—where he attended select school during the winter. In the following summer he chopped wood in order to earn sufficient money to take him to Albany, N. Y., where he was in hopes of finding an opportunity to learn the carpenter's trade, or get some kind of work. Failing, however, in his expectations, he returned to North Harpersfield, working all the way, his route being over the Catskill Mountains; then set out, again on foot, for Binghamton, N. Y.,

fully expecting to find work on the Erie Railroad, which was then in course of construction, but walked, instead, down to Owego, where he hired out as a raftsman on the Susquehanna river. At Peach Bottom he received an injury while rafting, from which he has never fully recovered. The river was so shallow that the raftsmen had to temporarily abandon their work, and he was trying to pull a boat out of a shoal, the rope being fastened round his waist, when by some means he got hurt. In those days he was a powerful man. At Port Deposit, at the mouth of the Susquehanna river, they made their rafts into floats, which they took up Elk river and Back creek to Chesapeake City, Md.; thence (after having converted the floats into lockins—which form they were made into so they could be towed through the locks of the canals) via the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, and thence (having put all the timber into floats again) up the Delaware river with the tide to Philadelphia, thence to Bordentown, N. J. At that place they entered the Rariden Canal which carried their timber to the city of New Brunswick (where subject was seized with cholera), where it was again made into floats on the river Rariden, down which it was floated to Amboy Bay, thence by the tide up Staten Sound to New York, where it was finally marketed. Mr. Hamilton remained in that city a short time, and then proceeded to Danbury, Conn. While there his father died, and our subject then came west to Medina county, Ohio, and worked on the home farm for a few years, but had to abandon it on account of his old hurt troubling him. From Medina county Mr. Hamilton proceeded to Randolph, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., where for two terms he attended school and an academy. Again coming to Medina county, he became salesman for his uncle, John Fairchild, who was a manufacturer of wooden bowls; but in 1852 he went to Iowa and took up 680 acres of land in Washington county, which he held about thirty years. On his return home, his uncle (just referred to) gave him an interest in a bowl manufactory at Berea, Cuyahoga, Co., Ohio, and he had just got down to business when the premises were burned to the ground. Commencing anew, however, he carried on the business several years, at the end of which time he closed out and embarked in the general mercantile business. While he and his uncle were carrying on the bowl industry, Mr. Hamilton would make trips westward to sell the wares, and in the course of his travels met with many adventures. He passed two summers up and down the Missouri river with teams, selling his bowls among the so-called "border ruffians"; on his return east he fitted up an old-fashioned flat boat at Pittsburgh, Penn., which he loaded with bowls and grindstones, and took down the river to New Orleans, two thousand miles; at Jeffersonville, Ind., where he had a shop, he filled up his boat and went to making sales at all the towns along the river, he himself piloting the vessel from about six miles above Wheeling, W. Va. He reached New Orleans just about the breaking out of the Civil war, and there sold the balance of the venture at wholesale, getting good prices. Our subject then returned northward, by boat, via the Mississippi river. The firm of Fairchild & Hamilton had bowl factories opened out at Berea, Ohio; Columbia, Lorain Co., Ohio; Jeffersonville, Ind.; St. John's, Mich.; and Chatham, Canada. Having been appointed treasurer of the Berea Savings and Loan Bank, he held that position with ability and satisfaction four years, at the end of which time (1884) he came to Elyria and bought out his present furniture business. Before coming to Elyria he was the assistant of the treasurer of Cleveland.

Leonard G. Hamilton and Miss Cassie A. Marsh were united in marriage, in May, 1862, and five children were born to them, as follows: Carrie C.; May B., wife of Henry Ingersoll, an attorney at law in

Elyria, Ohio; Leonard Walter, in business with his father; Eden, deceased; and Harry G., at school. In politics, Mr. Hamilton is a Republican, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

From another branch of the family comes David, whose son, Alexander, was born January 11, 1757, in the island of St. Christofer, West Indies. The Hamiltons can be traced back to the twelfth century, producing some eminently scientific men, dukes and lords of Scotland and England, and martyrs of the Reformation.

ELIZER G. HASTINGS, a lifelong farmer of LaGrange township, is a native of same, born June 20, 1827, a son of Curtis H. and Pattie (Graves) Hastings.

Our subject received an education in the common schools, and was reared to agricultural life, receiving his first training in that direction under his father. He remained on the home farm till twenty-three years of age, and then went to work for Mathew Starr, receiving for his services twelve dollars a month. In December, 1850, he was married, in LaGrange, to Miss Hannah Crane, and they had three children, viz.: Susan, Mrs. Almon Taylor, of Sandusky, Ohio (her first husband was Royal Merriam); George, a farmer of LaGrange; and Evaline, now Mrs. David McFadden, of Sandusky, Ohio. In 1851 Mr. Hastings went to work for Adison Foster; in 1852 he worked for Richard Loomis; in 1853 he was in the employ of Darius Holcomb, and in 1854 he worked at the carpenter trade. In 1855 he moved onto a piece of land owned by his father, and which he worked on shares, he having one-third. In 1858 Mr. Hastings moved with his family to Van-Wert county, Ohio, but ague and bilious fever being prevalent there, they had to return to their native place. In 1861 he moved onto the old farm, which he worked on shares until the death of his father, which occurred December 22, 1877. Our subject now owns 142½ acres and a commodious house; he has erected various outbuildings on the place, and a new dwelling across the road from his own.

Mrs. Hannah Hastings died May 7, 1870, and Mr. Hastings was married, January 27, 1875, to Mrs. H. L. Davis, who was born February 11, 1829, in Hampshire county, Mass. Our subject has been an active, hard working man, and has always been fond of his home. In 1883 a sick spell left him almost a physical wreck, and since then he performs only light farm labor, the remainder of the work being attended to by his son George, who was married to Miss Hattie Barnes, of Penfield, Lorain Co., Ohio. Mr. Hastings is a Democrat in his political preferences.

JOHN ALEXANDER. This gentleman, one of the leading agriculturists of Eaton township, is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Frankum) Alexander, natives of Gloucestershire, England, who immigrated to the United States in 1830, locating first in New York State.

In 1838 they moved to Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, where they remained some time, thence removing to Grafton township, same county, and in 1844 to Eaton township, where they were well-known agriculturists; the home farm is still in the family. Samuel Alexander died in 1886 at the age of eighty; his wife died in 1883, aged seventy-nine. Politically he was a Whig and Republican. They had a family of eight children, as follows: Martha, who married Edwin Martin, and died in La-Porte, Lorain county, in 1884; Samuel, who married Barbara Slatershine, of Michigan, and is a resident of Carlisle township, Lorain county; Ann, wife of William Lawson, of Grafton township, Lorain

county; Sophia, wife of Cyrus Wallace, of Winnebago county, Ill.; John, subject of this sketch; Job, a farmer of Eaton township, Lorain county, who married Ann Pierce; Albert, who married Addie Goland, and who resides in Eaton township; and Amanda, who died in her youth.

John Alexander, whose name opens this sketch, was born November 12, 1836, in Grafton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and received his education at the country schools of Eaton township. In 1873 he bought one hundred acres of land in Eaton township, which he has since much improved, having erected a comfortable residence, commodious barns, etc., and has increased the area of his farm till it now comprises 186 acres, fifty-four of which are in Carlisle township.

On October 6, 1876, Mr. Alexander was married, in Oberlin, Lorain county, to Miss Hannah Dimick, who was born in New York State, a daughter of Alanson and Hannah (Hill) Dimick, the father a native of Vermont, who died at the age of one hundred years, the mother a native of Connecticut, who died at the age of eighty-five, both passing away within a year, at the home of the subject of our sketch. To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander has been born one child, Grace. Politically our subject is a Republican.

E. C. GRISWOLD. The family, of which this gentleman is a prominent member, claim German descent, the first of the ancestry, of whom there is record, having come to England with the Prince of Orange. The name was originally spelled Griswolde.

Edward and Matthew Griswold (the latter of whom was the direct ancestor of the two Governors Griswold) were brothers. They resided in Kenilworth, Warwickshire, England (the ancestral seat being known as Malvern Hall, the coat-of-arms two greyhounds *courant*), where another brother, Thomas, also lived. In 1639, in a vessel sent out by Mr. William Whiting, they came to America, in company with Rev. Ephraim Huit and several other members of his congregation, who settled in Windsor, Connecticut.

(1) Edward Griswold, born in England in 1607, married, while young, Margaret —. After his arrival in America he located in a part of Windsor called Poquonnack, but afterward became one of the first settlers of Killingworth, Conn., where he appears to have been a man of much enterprise and influence. In March, 1663, he was appointed one of a committee to lay out the undivided lands in Massaco (Simsbury) to each of the inhabitants of Windsor as desired or needed. In Killingworth he was a commissioner and large landholder. His first wife died in Killingworth August 23, 1670, and he then married Sarah, widow of James Bemis, of New London. He died about 1690. His children were Francis, George, John and Sarah, all four born in England (Sarah was twice married, first to Samuel, son of William Phelps, November 10, 1650, and second to Nathaniel, son of Humphrey Pinney, July 21, 1670); Anne, born in America, June 19, 1642; Mary, born October 5, 1644 (married Timothy, son of William Phelps, March 19, 1661); Deborah, born June 28, 1646 (married Samuel, son of William Buel, and went to Killingworth); Joseph, born March 2, 1647; Samuel, born November 13, 1649, died at Killingworth July 6, 1672; John, born August 15, 1652.

(2) George married Mary Holcomb October 3, 16—; she died April 4, 1708. He settled in Windsor, was holder of considerable land, part of which he bought of the Indians, and was a man of high respectability. His children were Daniel, born October 1, 1656; Thomas, born September 29, 1658; Edward, born May 19, 1660; Mary, born September 28, 1663; George, born December 3, 1665; John, born September 11, 1668; Benjamin, born August 16, 1671; Deborah, born May 20, 1674 (married Thomas Moore December

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12, 1695); Abigail, born October 3, 1676, died March 7, 1682; Samuel, born November 5, 1681, died June 1, 1682.

(3) Daniel, born October 1, 1656, married Mindwell, daughter of Nathaniel Bissell, February 3, 1680, who died December 31, 1728. Their children were David and Nathaniel (twins), born February 14, 1684; Peletiah, born September 13, 1689; Mary, born 1692; Edward, born March 8, 1696; Deborah, born November 7, 1698; David, born August 6, 1701.

(4) David, born August 6, 1701, married Huldah Brown, 1731. Their children were David, born May 25, 1733, died March 6, 1736; Joel, born 1734; Ezekiel, born February 21, 1737; Huldah, born April 23, 1739; Sybil, born April 17, 1742; Deborah, born March 15, 1745; David, born February 15, 1748; Asinah, born September 6, 1750.

(5) Joel, born 1734, married May 11, 1758, Mary Ebens. Their children were Joel, born November 4, 1758; Elijah, born August 20, 1762; Luther, Ralph, and Rufus.

(6) Elijah, born August 20, 1762, married July 6, 1787, Lydia Adams, born August 30, 1767. Their children were Elijah Pinder, born June 12, 1788; Lydia, born July 24, 1790; Chauncey Gay, born September 16, 1792; Sophia, born January 4, 1794; Julia, born March 17, 1796; Fanny, born March 5, 1798; Thirza Maria, born December 29, 1800; Edwin Elijah (father of the subject of this sketch), born August 20, 1802; Edson Adams, born June 27, 1804; Mary Catherine, born May 8, 1806; Luther Dwight, born February 7, 1809.

Edwin Elijah Griswold, the last but three mentioned in the above genealogical record, was born in the township of Simsbury (of Old Windsor, now Bloomfield), Conn., and received his education at the subscription schools of the vicinity, and also in a private school. He was a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and filled incumbencies in Connecticut, New York State and New York City, many of his appointments being the best held in the several localities. Daniel Drew and the well-known publishers, Harper Brothers, were among his parishioners. For seventeen years he was presiding elder, part of the time officiating in New York City. After nearly forty-five years of active service in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at his own request he was released from his duties, and returned to his home in Danbury, Conn. He was a D. D. of Mt. Union College. On April 20, 1825, he married Miss Nancy Webster, who was descended by direct line from John Webster, one of Hartford's early settlers and the fifth Governor of Connecticut Colony, and the record of their children is as follows: Fanny F., born February 22, 1826; E. C. (subject of sketch); Harriet W., born February 23, 1830, died May 5, 1893; Ann Augusta, born September 18, 1836; and Mary Victoria, born November 27, 1838, died November 8, 1839. Mrs. Griswold died April 3, 1870, and Mr. Griswold was subsequently married to Artemesia W. Pease (widow of a preacher), who still survives. He died April 3, 1878.

Edwin Chauncey Griswold was born in Farmington, Conn., May 18, 1827, and received his elementary education in a preparatory school, after which he took a course of study at the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., where he graduated in 1847, being then twenty years of age. After teaching school for a time, he became connected with the Peoples Line of Steamers of the Hudson river, and was in that service some four years. He then became connected with the Methodist Book Concern, in New York City, having charge of the mailing department, but his health becoming impaired, he concluded to move westward. Accordingly, in February, 1854, he came to Elyria, Ohio, and established a book store, which he carried on for about twenty-four years, or until 1877, when he sold out. He

has since been connected with various business enterprises, among which may be mentioned the Lakeside Company, of which he is president, and one of its heaviest stockholders; had also at one time charge of their hotel at Lakeside. He owns grape growing and farming interests, and occupies much of his time in assisting to manipulate stock companies of various kinds.

On February 2, 1852, in Hartford, Conn., Mr. Griswold was married to Miss Anne Sweetland, a native of Hartford, Conn., where and at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, Massachusetts, she received her education. The following is a brief record of their children: (1) Ellen Augusta, born November 23, 1852, in New York City; after graduating at Elyria High School she entered upon a course of study at Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, and had reached the Senior class, when failing health caused her to leave; she afterward graduated at Cleveland Normal School; she was married to Rev. Lucius C. Smith, July 12, 1878, and died December 28, 1878, in Copiapo, Chili, S. A., her husband being a missionary of the M. E. Church, one of the "Taylor missionaries." (2) Edwin Luther was born February 11, 1855, and died September 26, 1881; he entered upon a course of study at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., but unavoidable circumstances prevented his completing the course; he was engaged in the book business with his father, and later in Cleveland. (3) Fannie Martha, born September 4, 1857, graduated at Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. was married, March 29, 1882, to G. W. Rice, and now resides in Hamilton, Ohio; (4) William Sweetland was born June 20, 1862, and was educated at Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, then one year in Berea, Ohio, and afterward at the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio. He is now in Lansing, Mich., where he is engaged in the artificial stone business and selling coal. He was married October 7, 1885, to Miss Martha H. Wales, of Sandusky, Ohio, and they have two children, viz.: Edwin Chauncey, born June 9, 1887; and Marie Sweetland, born September 17, 1892.

Mr. E. C. Griswold is a strong Republican; he served as clerk of Elyria township thirteen years, and for years was also township trustee; for several years he was a member of the board of education and clerk of the same. In 1876 he was a member of the M. E. General Conference that met in Baltimore, Md., and has for many years been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Elyria. He also holds important relations with several educational institutions.

WILLIAM GREEN, a prominent, well-to-do farmer of Pittsfield township, was born October 4, 1848, in Lincolnshire, England, son of William and Mary (Marshall) Green.

William Green, Sr., was a shoemaker, and followed the trade exclusively in England, where he married and had three children: Henry, who died in England; Ann, who died in Wood county, Ohio, wife of William Bailey, and William. In 1854 the family embarked at Liverpool, and after a voyage of seven weeks landed in New York City. They at once proceeded to Pittsfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where William Marshall, brother of Mrs. Green, had previously located, and there purchased a partially improved tract of fifty acres, where the father began farming. Here they passed the remainder of their lives, Mrs. Green dying in 1877, her husband in 1884, and they both rest in Pittsfield cemetery. Both were members of the Methodist Church, and in politics he was a Republican.

Our subject received a common-school education, and was reared to farm life, remaining at home with his parents until

his marriage. On October 5, 1871, he was married to Rowena Cole, who was born in Wellington township, Lorain county, daughter of Horace Cole, and to this union were born two children: Lou Emma, Mrs. Frank Whitney, of Pittsfield township; and Mary Ann, who died in infancy. The mother of these children died in November, 1878, and was buried in Pittsfield cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Green married January 1, 1880, Miss Anna Jordan, who died February 3, 1883, some time afterward, without issue. In 1884 Mr. Green married Catherine Rogers, and to this union has come one child, Walter Henry. After marriage our subject located on the home farm, and there remained until 1883, when he removed to his present farm, in the center of Pittsfield township, which he had purchased the preceding fall. Here he has since resided, carrying on general agriculture and dairying, and he has met with a considerable degree of success, being an energetic, systematic farmer. Politically he is a Republican, and in religious faith he is a member of the Methodist Church, in which he has served as trustee and in various other positions.

FLAVIUS A. HART, proprietor of a leading furniture establishment in Oberlin, and undertaker, comes of English ancestry. The first of this branch of the family in America was one of three brothers who came from England in 1646 or '48, one of whom settled in Connecticut, one went west and was never heard of again, and the third, from whom our subject descends, made a settlement in Lynn, Massachusetts.

Sylvester Hart, father of Flavius A., was born, in 1806, in Vermont, the eldest son of George Hart, and came to Lorain county, Ohio, in 1832, settling in Carlisle township, where he carried on farming operations. He died in 1874, a stanch Republican, having originally been an Old-line Whig. He married Miss Relief Baldwin, also a native of Vermont, born in 1806, and died in 1892. They had a family of five children, of whom Flavius A. is the youngest.

Our subject was born in Carlisle township, Lorain Co., Ohio, December 2, 1849. When six years old he came to Oberlin, where he received his education, first attending the public schools and then Oberlin College. For a time he read law in that town, in order the more thoroughly to qualify himself for business, and then turned his attention to agriculture, which he followed till some sixteen years since, and he still owns a farm in the township. On giving up agricultural pursuits he opened out a furniture factory in Oberlin, and also a store for sale of the products. The factory he carried on three years, since when he has confined himself to the retail business and undertaking. He carries a large stock of furniture, and enjoys a wide business connection.

In 1877 Mr. Hart was married in Oberlin to Miss Olive A. Crain, who was born in Florence township, Erie Co., Ohio, to which union three children have been born: Burton S., Merton S. and Eugene A. In politics our subject has been an ardent Democrat ever since he first exercised his franchise at the ballot, and has twice been Democratic candidate for county treasurer, also Democrat candidate for mayor of Oberlin. On December 20, 1893, he was appointed postmaster at Oberlin by President Cleveland; confirmed by Senate January 9, 1894, and commenced his duties as postmaster February 1, 1894. He is past master in the A. F. & A. M., and past noble grand in the I. O. O. F.; is a member of the Oberlin Society which governs the Congregational Church.

Zerubable Hart, paternal great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Lynn, Mass. He owned the best yoke of oxen in the neighborhood of Bos-

ton, and prior to the battle of Bunker Hill he hauled hogsheads of sand up that and Breed's Hill for the making of military breastworks; his brother, John Hart, was one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence; their father, Jonathan Hart, was captain of a privateer, and was captured on the Mediterranean Sea by the Moors. He had to work as a slave in the mines of Africa for nine long years without ever seeing the light of the sun; but one day he and two other prisoners succeeded in escaping by first killing the overseer with their picks, and another man with the guard's gun. Having now regained their liberty, they put to sea in an open boat, and were picked up by a Portuguese vessel, and ultimately reached their respective homes.

FRANK A. COATES. Among the more intelligent and highly respected citizens of Henrietta township, this gentleman must certainly be classed.

He is a son of Stephen Coates, who was born in Rutland county, Vt., in 1812, and was there reared to manhood. His school advantages were much limited, and his education, therefore, consisted of but the common branches. During his youth he learned the trade of shoemaking. In 1845 he migrated to Lorain county, Ohio. Subsequently he married Caroline Bodfish, a daughter of Nathan Bodfish and a native of Vermont, to which union were born six children, as follows: Delia, Janet, Augusta, Frank A., Caroll and Herbert, of whom there are living, Augusta, now the wife of M. William Thomas, of Oberlin; Herbert, a farmer of Huntington, Lorain county; Caroll, the well-known landlord of a popular hotel in Sullivan, Ohio, and Frank A. Upon the location of the family in their new home in Ohio, the father found employment at his trade, and by careful management and observance of rigid economy, he was enabled to save a portion of his earnings. After a few years he purchased a small plat of land, which he cultivated, and worked at his trade. This bit of land he subsequently sold, and bought 200 acres which he divided equally between the four children at the time of his removal to Oberlin. His career was in every respect eminently successful, and at his death he was possessor of more than 200 acres, the clearing of which was nearly all his own handiwork. Some years prior to his death he purchased a large farm in Henrietta township, upon which he resided for a number of years, keeping a dairy, cutting timber, etc. He then removed to Oberlin, where he departed this life in March, 1889, at the age of seventy-six years. Politically he was a Democrat, and for a number of years he filled the office of justice of the peace of Henrietta township. His wife had preceded him to the grave in 1887; she was a member of the Baptist Church.

Frank A. Coates, the subject proper of these lines, was born in Birmingham, Ohio, March 4, 1846, and was there reared, accompanying his father to his various locations as above recorded. He was the recipient of a superior education, having at one time attended Oberlin College. In 1867 he married Miss Mira Thomas, daughter of William Thomas, Sr., who died in Vermont; his widow came to Ohio in 1855. To our subject and wife have been born the following children: Nellie, Carrie (Mrs. Cor. Courier), Jennie (Mrs. Arthur Court), Lizzy and Harold. At the age of twenty-one our subject was the possessor of fifty acres of land, bequeathed to him by his father, upon which he erected buildings, and added all improvements; his handsome brick residence was erected in 1877. Mr. Coates' children have all received exceptional educations, Mrs. Courier (*née* Carrie) being a graduate of Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

Politically Mr. Coates is a Prohibitionist, and is now occupying the office of justice of the peace. He is a prominent

member of the Baptist Church. When but a boy of fifteen years he suffered an illness which left him a cripple for life, yet despite this physical disadvantage his success has been indeed marked. He successfully cultivates his farm of seventy-nine acres, and devotes much attention to the cultivation of small fruits.

Mrs. Coates and her daughters are justly popular ladies in their community, and their many excellent qualities are highly appreciated by their large circle of friends.

F. W. ROCKWOOD, a prosperous, intelligent farmer of La Grange township, is a native of the "Empire State," born January 18, 1817, in Champion, Jefferson county.

His father, David Rockwood, was born in 1777 in New Hampshire, and was reared to farm life. When a young man he came with some of his older half-brothers to Cherry Valley, N. Y., and as they kept "bachelors' hall" he was their cook. In later years their parents came to New York State, also locating in Cherry Valley, and David and his half-brother, William, moved into Jefferson county, N. Y., and bought land. Here David Rockwood was united in marriage with Miss Ruby Rounds, a native of Westchester county, N. Y., and while living in New York State they had six sons and one daughter, viz.: Henry, of Elyria; Benjamin S., who went west years ago, and has never since been heard from; Emeline, widow of David Gott; F. W., subject proper of this sketch; Giles C., of Wood county, Ohio; David P., of La Grange Center; and Almon A., of California. Another child, Pauline, now the widow of Hiram Buswell, was born in Lorain county, Ohio. Mr. Rockwood was a well-to-do farmer in New York, and traded his farm there for 600 acres in La Grange township, Lorain Co., Ohio, for which place he set out in June, 1826, driving a team of horses. Five sons and the daughter came with the parents, the other son traveling by the water route with the household goods. Asal Rockwood, a brother of David, came at the same time. The journey from New York occupied ten days, and they came via Cleveland, where at that time there was no bridge across the Cuyahoga river, and where he was offered land—now the site of the Public Square—at four dollars an acre, or land on the west side of the city at twenty shillings an acre. However, they pushed on to Elyria, and thence to La Porte, where the family remained while the father went out to look over the land he had bargained for at LaGrange. Upon seeing this he was so disappointed that he concluded to return to Cleveland, and invest in land there, but was dissuaded from this by Belden, Ingersol and Mennels, three of the leading men in Grafton township, who induced him to remain in LaGrange in order to more thoroughly settle up the country. He remained on the 600-acre farm, a portion of which he traded to Nathan Clark for a like amount in Lot No. 49, and built thereon a a rude house of logs, covered with elm-bark, into which he moved. This was shortly afterward supplanted by a better one. Mrs. Rockwood died and was buried in LaGrange township, and he married, for his second wife, Polly Graves, who bore him five children, all of whom died young. He was always a farmer, and after moving on his farm in the northwest corner of LaGrange township, sold some of it, giving it out for work on other parts of the tract. He was stirring and energetic, and was active up to the age of sixty-five, when he retired. His death, which occurred in 1877, when he was one hundred years and one month old, was the result of old age. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Democrat, and in religious connection he was a member of the Christian Church.

F. W. Rockwood received his education in the common schools of his boyhood days,

when eleven years old coming to Ohio, where he also attended the schools, which were held in log buildings. From early boyhood he was reared to farm life, doing any work he could about the place, and when fifteen years old went to learn the trade of cabinet maker under his brother Henry, in LaGrange, remaining there five years, and then working as a carpenter and joiner. On October 27, 1840, he was married to Miss Clarissa Wack, who was born February 22, 1821, in Danby, Vt., daughter of Frederick W. and Hannah (Loomis) Wack, natives of Connecticut, who came to Lorain county, Ohio, in 1834, locating in Carlisle township. After his marriage he moved into Oberlin, where he followed his trade for three years, and then came to his present farm, where he himself erected a house, and has since made his home. He has two children, namely: Edgar D. and William W. For the last twenty years he has given up his trade, but previous to that time did much of the building in his section. He now owns 460 acres of land, situated in various parts of the country—Ohio, Iowa and South Dakota; his farm in Ohio is one of the most valuable in Lorain county, as it contains an exceedingly good deposit of building stone. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and has been a party leader in his section. He has a very pleasant home, rendered doubly attractive by the presence of Mrs. Rockwood, who is a most estimable, kind-hearted lady. Mr. Rockwood keeps himself well informed on the leading questions of the day, both by reading and observation.

J H. MUMFORD, a prominent, highly respected citizen of Russia township, was born in 1840 in Darlington county, South Carolina.

In July, 1857, he left his native State, and he has since been identified with the interests of Lorain county, Ohio. He attended the Union schools at Oberlin, and for some time thereafter followed the trades of painting and paper hanging. In 1862 he enlisted in the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Infantry, and in 1864 reënlisted, this time in Company D, One Hundred and Seventy-eighth O. V. I., for one year or during the war, being assigned to the army of the Cumberland. He participated in the engagements at Nashville (Tenn.) and Kingston (N. C.), and was also in many skirmishes. In 1865 he received an honorable discharge at Charlotte, N. C., and returned to Oberlin, where he has since continuously resided.

Mr. Mumford was married at Oberlin, October 5, 1865, to Miss Evelene Oswalt, and they have had three children, namely: William D., Sumpter Marion and Zula. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Mumford are both members of the First Congregational Church. In politics he is a Republican, deeply interested in the welfare of his party, and he has held the office of township trustee for the past seventeen years, having been first elected in 1876. Mr. Mumford takes an active part in every project tending toward the improvement and advancement of the interests of Lorain county. He is a member of Henry Lincoln Post No. 564, G. A. R.

JACOB LAW, a leading and successful agriculturist of Grafton township, is a German by birth, having first seen the light of day November 17, 1823, in Wittenberg, Prussia.

He is a son of Mathias Law, a shepherd in the Fatherland, who married Mary Metzger, by whom there was one child, the subject of this sketch. The young mother was called from earth when Jacob was but a child, and the father afterward married Margaret Ritchley. Deciding to seek a new home in the Western World, the family, at that time consisting of our subject and his father and stepmother, in 1834 set out from Wittenberg for the port of

Bremen, a journey of fourteen days, and there on April 1, same year, set sail on a "full-rigged ship" for the shores of America. After a voyage of about forty-three days they landed at New York, whence they proceeded westward by the Hudson river and Erie Canal to Buffalo, from there sailing on Lake Erie to Cleveland, remaining in that town one week. Mr. Law there bought, for four dollars per acre, thirty-two acres of unbroken land in Liverpool township, Medina county, without a house or cabin of any kind on it, but with some five hundred feet of lumber and three cut forked sticks he soon erected a rude shanty under the branches of a noble beech tree, where the little family made their home from June 18 to October, same year, by which time a commodious and substantial log house was erected. Mr. Law had but a small capital to start on—one hundred dollars—and many difficulties to contend against in clearing the land, not the least of which was the continual encroachments of wild animals on his little domain. In the fall of 1834 he sowed his first wheat, which was harvested the following year, and the prospects after 1836 (which was a bad year for farmers) began to brighten. In 1842 the log house gave place to a frame one, and to the farm fifty acres were added, lying in the eastern part of lot No. 70, Grafton township. In 1877 this honored pioneer passed from earth after a brief illness, his wife in February, 1889, and they lie buried in Liverpool cemetery, Medina county.

Jacob Law, whose name opens this sketch, as will be seen was ten years old when he came to America, so had attended school for some four years in his native land; after his arrival in Lorain county he had the benefit of such English education as the then primitive schools afforded. His early youth was passed in hard work on his father's farm, and when but sixteen years of age he worked on a canal at Coshocton, Ohio, all his earnings being given his father; he also labored on other canals. After his marriage, which will be spoken of presently, his father gave him thirty acres of land in Grafton township, where he resided up to 1863, in which year he came to his present farm in the same township. At one time he owned 468 acres, but having given much of it to his children, has now 215 acres.

On June 13, 1848, our subject was married to Agnes Laundenberger, also a native of Wittenberg, Germany, born August 20, 1830, daughter of Thomas Laundenberger, who came from Bremen to the United States in 1833, arriving in New York after a lengthy passage of ninety-one days. From there he proceeded westward to Canton, Stark Co., Ohio, where he followed his trade, that of blacksmith, as well as farming. Later he came to Liverpool township, Medina county, where Mr. Law met his daughter Agnes for the first time. The children born to our subject and wife were as follows: John, a farmer; Mary, Mrs. Henry Wise; Henry, a farmer; Catherine, Mrs. Louis Wise; Carrie, deceased; August, a harness maker, of Erhert, Ohio; Jacob, a farmer; Louisa, deceased; William, a farmer; and Joseph, residing at home. Politically Mr. Law is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Lutheran Church, in which he has held office some years. He and his esteemed wife are highly respected in the community in which they live, and he is recognized as a leader among the sturdy and prosperous yeomen of Lorain county.

PETER SCHULLER, one of the progressive agriculturists of Sheffield township, is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, born May 17, 1853, in Sheffield township.

Matthias Schuller, his father, who was a German by birth, was married in his native land to Miss Katherine Klein, and two of their children were born there. Coming to the United States, the family settled on

a farm in Sheffield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where the father died in 1871 at the age of sixty-three years, the mother on March 4, 1885, aged seventy-two. They were members of the Catholic Church, and in politics Mr. Schuller was a Democrat. They were the parents of three children, two of whom are yet living, viz.: Michael, born in Germany, now living in Sheffield township, and Peter.

The subject of our sketch received his education at the public and parochial schools of his native township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. In 1880 he was united in marriage with Miss Maggie Kelling, and to them seven children were born, as follows: George, Henry, John, Matthias, Minnie, Frank and Julia. Mr. Schuller takes an active interest in politics as emphasized in the principles embodied in the platform of the Democratic party, and is a member of the school board; was also for some five or six years road supervisor. He is a member of the Catholic Church. Owner of a good farm of eighty-six acres, Mr. Schuller does a successful general agricultural business.

A. R. WEBBER, prosecuting attorney for Lorain county for six years (his term ending January 2, 1894), is a native of Ohio, born in Hinckley, Medina county, January 21, 1852, of old English stock, his great-grandfather and family having been immigrants from the mother country to the New England States many years ago. His grandfather, Richard Webber, was a pioneer of Hinckley, and a man of great worth, a preacher of rare gifts and power, wielding great influence in his community.

George E. Webber, father of subject, was a native of Massachusetts, a son of Richard Webber, and a molder by trade. At the age of fourteen he moved westward to Ohio, with his father, locating in Hinckley, in Medina county, where he aided in clearing the forest to make way for farms, and cutting out the public highways. When eighteen years old he returned to Massachusetts and learned the trade of molder, which having completed he again came to Medina county, and started a foundry in the town of Hinckley, operating same for twenty years. After this he farmed for six years, owing to poor health, and then moved into the town of Medina, where he opened out the present Hollow-ware foundry, for the manufacture of iron hollow-ware, which now employs sixty-five men. He is a man of great push and force of character, and extensive reading. He was married to Miss Jane Woodruff, a native of New York, who taught school for many years in Hinckley, and was ever known for her sweet disposition and deeds of charity and kindness. They had a family as follows: Julius F. Webber, A. R. Webber, Julia Walker, Lana Webber, H. B. Webber and John Webber. Julius and Lana are dead; John and Julia reside in Medina; H. B. is an able attorney in Canton, Ohio.

A. R. Webber received his education at the schools of his native town, and at Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio. He then commenced the study of law in the office of Judge Lewis, Medina, Ohio; was admitted to the bar in 1876, and at once opened a law office in Elyria, Lorain county, in partnership with a Mr. C. H. Brintnall, which copartnership continued for some six months, when it was dissolved. Mr. Webber's next partner was Mr. C. W. Johnston, at one time prosecuting attorney, and this copartnership terminated at the end of two years, the next partner being Hon. George P. Metcalf, for some years prosecuting attorney for Lorain county. Since the latter's death in 1887, Mr. Webber conducted the business of his office alone till two years ago, when he formed a partnership with Lee Stoup, a young man who read law in his office. In 1887 he was nominated and elected to the

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position of prosecuting attorney, taking office in January, 1888. Mr. Webber does a general practice, and has a very large clientage.

A. R. Webber and Miss Ida C. Finch were united in marriage May 17, 1875, and two children have come to brighten their home: Gilbert G. and Lawrence H. Mrs. Webber is a lady of culture, and among the foremost in works of charity and temperance in her city. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Royal Arcanum and Knights of the Maccabees. He is a stockholder in the Savings Bank, and in the *Republican* newspaper company. He enjoys the enviable distinction of being one of the ablest and best informed lawyers in Lorain county; is a close student, ever keeping well abreast of the times; was a strong prosecutor and is an able jury lawyer, as well as a reliable and safe counselor. He has but few peers in the county, and certainly no superior.

WILLIAM SHERMAN POWELL was born July 28, 1833, in Charlotte, Chittenden Co., Vt., in which State his parents were also born.

Calvin Powell, father of William S., was born August 19, 1799. On January 6, 1819, he was married in Charlotte, Vt., to Maria Gray, who was born September 29, 1801. In Charlotte they resided until 1838, when they sold out and came to Lorain county, Ohio, with their family. The journey from Vermont, a distance of seven hundred miles, was made in a covered wagon with four horses attached, the trip taking four weeks. Here they purchased 134 acres of heavily timbered land. Mr. Powell by hard labor and perseverance cleared up the entire farm, and he resided there until his death. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Powell were as follows: Alma M., born February 27, 1821, died March 3, 1880 (wife of J. W. Rockwell); Henry Sherman, born July 25, 1823, died April 25, 1888; Harriet, born September 20, 1826, died May 4, 1893 (wife of C. J. Case); Polly Ann, born November 10, 1828 (Mrs. William Rockwell, residing in St. Louis, Mo.); Elvira, born May 9, 1831, died June 14, 1890 (wife of Albert Eldred); William S., subject of sketch; Lorenzo C., born June 23, 1837, a resident of Frankfort, Kans.; Amelia, born August 12, 1839 (Mrs. George Hubbard, of Decatur, Mich.); and Mary, born October 9, 1842 (Mrs. M. Tuscott, of Lanark, Ill.). Calvin Powell was a man of prominence, and held various township offices. He was a member of the Baptist Church of Elyria, a constant attendant and earnest supporter. He died January 26, 1860. Mrs. Powell was also a faithful member of the same church. Her death occurred August 17, 1883, at the home of her youngest daughter, in Lanark, Illinois.

W. S. Powell, the subject of this sketch, spent his early life in Amherst township, where he attended the common schools, first in the log schoolhouse, afterward at the select schools, where he obtained a practical education. He remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age. He then, in 1856, went to Illinois, where he remained five months, and then returned to Ohio, where he has since resided. On November 25, 1856, he was married to Miss Betsey M. Bender, daughter of Peter Bender, a resident of Elyria. After his marriage he remained on the home farm two years, then rented a farm on Lake Avenue, where he remained one year. When his father died he again rented the home farm, which he carried on two years. He then purchased a farm in the southwest part of Amherst township, and here resided four years, at the end of which time he sold, and bought a farm of one hundred acres three miles north of Oberlin, where he lived eight years, in the meantime adding fifty-two acres of land. He then sold, and removed to his present farm,

which contains about 150 acres, and is regarded as one of the finest farms in Lorain county, sixty-two acres being in the corporation of Elyria.

His children were as follows: Ella M., born June 18, 1861, died June 2, 1863; Orpha E., born October 10, 1864, married March 17, 1886, to John Stang, and now living in Elyria township (they have one child, Herbert Ralph, born June 15, 1890); Elnora T., born November 12, 1866, married March 17, 1891, to M. B. Sonnels, who holds a position as locomotive engineer on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and they reside in Elyria; Mary May, born November 20, 1871; Edwin Sherman, born August 21, 1873; and Arthur William, born September 7, 1878.

Mr. Powell is a self-made man, having made his own financial success. He is now carrying on his farm, and although sixty years of age is vigorous and active. For many years he has been prominent in all public affairs relating to both the township and county of his residence. He has always been a pronounced Democrat of the Jacksonian school, ready at all times to express his opinions, but at the same time disposed to be charitable to his opponents. Equipped by nature with strong intellectual endowments and rugged physical powers, possessing a sterling honesty which characterizes his conduct in all the offices of life, he has won a high place in the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen.

J. P. BYRD is one of the most prosperous and substantial agriculturists of Brownhelm township, whither he had come in 1866. He was born in Huntsville, Ala., in 1833, a son of John and Susan (Page) Byrd, natives of England and France, respectively, in which latter country they were married.

In an early day they immigrated to Richmond, Va., thence moving to near Huntsville, Ala., where John Byrd was a planter, and where he died in 1840, as did also his wife some years later, at the age of seventy years. Grandfather Page was a native of France, and coming to this country served in the Revolutionary war under LaFayette; at the time of his death he was a senator from Albemarle county, Va., of which State he was a pioneer.

J. P. Byrd, the subject of this memoir, received his education at the public schools of the vicinity of Huntsville, Ala., and learned the trade of merchant tailor. When a young man he came north, and in 1862 located in Cincinnati, Ohio, whence in 1866 he came to Lorain county, as already recorded, and after marriage settled on a farm in Brownhelm township, which now comprises 111½ acres of land, where he carries on general agriculture, including the breeding of high-grade Shorthorn cattle. He has an excellent stone residence, two stories high, 28 x 30 feet.

In 1865 Mr. Byrd was married in Elyria to Miss D. E. Cable, a native of Brownhelm, Ohio, daughter of O. A. and Caroline (Peck) Cable, the latter of whom was born in Stockbridge, Mass., and came to Ohio with her parents when she was eight years old. Stephen Cable, grandfather of Mrs. Byrd, was a native of Vermont, whence he came to Ohio, locating in Cleveland, from there coming to Lorain county, settling in Ridgeville township in 1811. O. A. Cable, his son (Mrs. Byrd's father), was born in 1813, in Ridgeville, and was the first white male child born in the county of Lorain. He was about one year old when his father moved to Amherst, where he lived about three years, and then moved to Henrietta township, where Stephen Cable died when O. A. was about eight years old. The latter died in Brownhelm in 1879; his wife, Caroline P. Cable, died in the same township in 1887. Mrs. Byrd's grandfather, Elisha F. Peck, came to Brownhelm in 1817, and took up 480 acres of land—three quarter sections. He was a native of Connecticut, born in

Berlin. His grandfather came from England. Mrs. Byrd was educated in Oberlin, and graduated in the class of 1861; later she taught school in Pittsfield and LaGrange townships, Lorain county.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrd were born three children, as follows: Nina P., now wife of Harry E. Sage, of Brownhelm township; Leon F. and John O. Politically our subject is a Republican, but in municipal matters he invariably votes for the best man, irrespective of party principle.

DE GRASSE AND HARRIET THOMAS. The Thomases were of old New England stock. De-Grasse Thomas was the oldest child of Edmond and Asenath Thomas, and of a family of six—two boys, De Grasse and Orrin, and four girls, Mannett, Jeanett, Julia M. and Jane.

Edmond Thomas was born in the town of Rutland, Vt., one of a large family born to Wesson and Patience (Hall) Thomas, who came to Vermont from Massachusetts. Wesson Thomas was a soldier and pensioner of the Revolution. Originally the Thomases came to Massachusetts from Wales. When Edmond was about twelve years of age his father moved to the town of Adams, Jefferson Co., N. Y., where he grew to manhood and where he married Asenath Crapo, daughter of Jonathan Crapo, a soldier of the Revolution, of an old and honorable family in the old Commonwealth, originally from France. In 1835 Edmond moved his family, then consisting of wife and five children, to Ohio, coming by lake from Sacket's Harbor to Genesee, thence on a primitive railroad, where the cars were drawn by horses, to Rochester, N. Y.; from there to Buffalo by the Erie Canal, and by steamer to Cleveland, from that point to Pittsfield by wagon. Settling in that township, a farm was cleared out of the woods, and after nine years the family moved to the western part of Rochester township, where another farm was hewn from the forests, which then covered all that country in every direction except only where farms were being cut out here and there. Here the two sons took land for themselves. cleared them up, and day by day, year by year, have grown old together with the neighborhood their work has done so much to redeem from the forest. Here the good old mother was found on May 18, 1877, by the silent Reaper, in the eighty-first year of her age, and here the father lingered until January 19, 1889, passing away in his ninety-second year; he was a soldier and pensioner of the war of 1812.

Harriet Thomas, the daughter of James and Sarah Fancher, was born in the town of Mendon, Monroe Co., N. Y., September 21, 1822, one of a family of thirteen children. John Fancher, the father of James, was a soldier of the Revolution, and married a niece of Gen. Daniel Schuyler; they lived in the township of Florida, near Albany, N. Y., where James was born and where he married Sarah Doty, of Spencer township, whose father was also a soldier of the Revolution, and of Dutch descent. When Harriet was nine years old the mother left Mendon for Ohio, to join her husband, who had preceded her. She traveled with the children from Pittsford to Buffalo by canal, then on Lake Erie by steamer to Huron, Erie county, where the father met them and took them to a temporary home in New London, Huron county, whence they soon moved to the neighborhood known as East Creek, in the eastern part of the township, where other children were born to them. Here the final summons found the father in the eighty-fourth year of his age. James Fancher was a soldier of the war of 1812 and a pensioner. At the old home in Mendon they were near neighbors of Eber Kimball, Joseph Smith and Brigham Young. Before her seventeenth year Harriet married Gustavus Noble, to whom she bore five children, four of whom grew to

maturity: Sarah A., the wife of George Chadwick, by whom she had one child, a son, Frank; Eliza, the wife of Homer E. Barrett, to whom has been born one child, Earl; Perry A., who married Ella J. Mann, daughter of Bradley Mann, of Rochester, and whose family consists of three girls, Grace, Bertha and Mary, and two sons, Wayne and Perry Allen; and Mary, who became the wife of Wilbur W. Hall, and who after a few brief years passed on to another world, leaving, to mourn the loss of a sweet mother, two children—Clayton G. and Kate.

Harriet Fancher Noble married De-Grasse Thomas, and to this union have been born three children, two of whom grew to maturity: Alma M., wife of Walter D. Hall, to whom have come two children—Ethel and Ford; and Fred Fancher, a sketch of whom follows.

FRED F. THOMAS, the subject of this sketch, son of De Grasse and Harriet Thomas, was born Sunday, May 29, 1859, on the homestead farm in Rochester township, Lorain county. He attended the school of his district until his fourteenth year; then the graded school at Rochester until the fall of 1876, when he entered the Wellington High School. The superintendent was W. R. Wean, a strict disciplinarian and excellent instructor; the principal was Mrs. Wean, a lovely lady and good teacher, to whom it was a delight to recite, and whose memory is cherished. At the beginning of the winter term of 1877 he entered the Preparatory Department of Oberlin College, and remained in that institution until the spring of 1879, when impaired health compelled him to suspend for a time work of that kind. After a summer spent at home on the farm, he entered, in the fall of that year, the law office of George P. Metcalf and Amos R. Webber. Here the time passed swiftly and pleasantly until the winter of 1881, when he matriculated at the University of Michigan. The following fall he entered the class of 1882 Law Department, and, carrying the work of two years in one, graduated with the class. On the organization of the class he was elected secretary, and on graduation was chosen alternate Alumni Orator.

Returning to Elyria, he opened an office in the old Snearer building, where Sharp's block now stands. Here he remained, slowly but surely gaining business until the winter of 1885, when, becoming convinced that there were superior advantages for getting on in the world offered young men in the South, he moved to Monroe county, Ark., and engaged in cattle ranching on Grand Prairie. This venture not proving a success, in November, 1887, he accepted the position of attorney for the U. S. Antimony Co., a mining corporation composed of Philadelphia capitalists. Resigning this position in December, 1888, he returned to the prairie country, and after several months opened an office for the practice of law in the Fourth Judicial District of Arkansas. His health becoming impaired on account of malaria so prevalent in that climate, he determined to move back to Ohio while yet there was time to re-establish himself in his profession at his old home.

On the first day of January, 1893, he opened an office in Elyria for the second time, and was happy to be once again among such people as compose the inhabitants of the Western Reserve. Entering the contest for the nomination to the office of prosecuting attorney, on the Republican ticket, he was, after a spirited contest, on the third day of June, 1893, nominated in what up to that time was the largest county convention ever held in Lorain county, receiving on the seventh ballot 153 votes out of a total of 217, and the nomination, which on motion of Charles A. Metcalf, his strongest opponent, was made unanimous.

Mr. Thomas' ancestors were of old New England stock, his great-grandfathers

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being soldiers of the Revolution, and his grandfathers soldiers and pensioners of the war of 1812. He is a Republican and Protectionist of the most pronounced type, believing America should so shape its industrial policy as to afford American citizens the opportunity to supply American markets with American manufactures, and the products of American farms at American prices. He is not a member of any church or sect, reserving to himself, as he grants to all others, perfect freedom of belief. He is a member of Wellington Lodge No. 127, F. &. A. M., and a charter member of Myrtle Lodge No. 61, K. P., of Stuttgart, Arkansas.

On the evening of October 28, 1885, at the family home in Elyria, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage with Fannie E. Smith, daughter of William L. Smith and Frances (Perry) Smith, the latter a daughter of Horatio Perry, one of the old settlers of the Western Reserve. There is one child from this marriage: Mary Smith Thomas, born at the old homestead in Rochester, March 26, 1889. Mrs. Thomas is an alumna of Lake Erie Seminary, graduating with the class of 1879, and a member of Elyria's oldest literary society—"The Fortnightly."

HENRY HOBART HITCHCOCK was born in Montville township, Medina county, Ohio, December 14, 1843, a son of Daniel B. Hitchcock, who was born January 13, 1815, and came from Oswego county, N. Y., to Ohio in 1836. He was a wheelwright and chair maker by trade, which businesses he followed after coming to Ohio. He settled on a farm he had bought about five miles south of Medina, and tilled the soil in connection with his other vocations.

Daniel B. Hitchcock married Miss Sarah E. Welton, March 14, 1841, and the children born to them were Henry H., and Mary (now Mrs. Samuel C. Rosenbury, of Kalamazoo county, Mich.). The father died in Montville, Ohio, in 1865, at the age of fifty years, the mother in Kalamazoo county, Mich., in 1885, at the age of seventy-four years, and they are buried in Montville township cemetery. They were both consistent members of the First Episcopal Church at Medina, where they and their family regularly attended worship. In politics he always stood with the Republican party.

Henry H. Hitchcock, whose name opens this sketch, attended the school in the district at home until attaining years of maturity, when he finished his education in the Medina schools. He was reared in agriculture, and after finishing school applied himself to its pursuits. On August 17, 1867, he was married to Eleanor S. Breckenridge, youngest child of Justin and Elizabeth K. Breckenridge. Eleanor S. was born July 4, 1844, in Grafton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and always lived at the place of her birth, excepting about two and one-half years she spent in Montville after her marriage.

Justin Breckenridge was born in Bennington, Vt., August 7, 1798. In early life he went to St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where he lived until the spring of 1841, when he moved to Pittsfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio; in July, same year, he came to Grafton, Lorain Co., Ohio. On January 13, 1824, he was married to Elizabeth K. Pohlman, of St. Lawrence county, N. Y. Justin Breckenridge died January 30, 1874, aged seventy-five years and six months; Elizabeth K. Breckenridge died March 17, 1872, aged sixty-eight years. They are buried in the Nesbitt cemetery, three-fourths of a mile east of their former home.

To Henry H. and Eleanor S. Hitchcock have been born four sons, viz.: Clarence P., born August 30, 1868, in Montville township, Medina Co., Ohio (he is following insurance as a business); Willis N.,

born October 14, 1870; Howard H., born June 18, 1874; and Dwight B., born April 19, 1880. After their marriage our subject and wife located in Montville township, Medina Co., Ohio, on the farm formerly owned by his father, and which after the latter's decease was purchased by said Henry H. Hitchcock, he buying the interests of the other heirs. Here Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock made their home until April 10, 1870, at which time they located on the Breckenridge homestead at Grafton, consisting of 225 acres where they still reside, having bought the farm from Justin Breckenridge. In the year 1892 were added twenty acres more by purchase, on the north end of the farm. Henry H. Hitchcock has held township office, for six years as trustee. In politics he is a Republican, and in Church denomination a Congregationalist. He is a thrifty, well-to-do farmer, living one mile east of Grafton, Lorain Co., Ohio.

CAPTAIN JOHN BOOTH, a prominent representative citizen of Carlisle township, was born July 30, 1823, in Lancashire, England, of which country his parents were also natives.

His father, John Booth, born in 1777, was united in marriage, in 1798, with Miss Betsy Lord, who was born November 27, 1781, and they became the parents of eleven children, as follows: Eliza, wife of William Woodward, of Cottage City, Martha's Vineyard; Sarah, Mrs. Husband, of Providence, R. I., deceased; Jane, wife of Thomas Featherston, of Providence, R. I.; Mary, Mrs. Brown, deceased; Ann, residing in Oberlin, Ohio; William, who died in Lorain county, Ohio; James, who died at Cape Cod, Mass.; Richard, who died in Texas; a son and daughter who died in infancy, and John, the subject of this sketch. This family of eleven left England in July, 1827, landing in Boston in August. They lived in Pawtucket and Smithfield a short time, then moved to Taunton, Mass., where they resided for twelve years, when, in 1839, they moved to East Liverpool, Ohio. The father died in April, 1863, when aged eighty-six years; the mother died in 1872, when in her ninety-second year. In religious faith they were both members of the Episcopal Church. Grandfather John Booth was a farmer, and passed his entire life in England, his native country.

Capt. John Booth, the subject proper of this memoir, received part of his education at the Bristol County Academy, which he attended until fifteen years of age. He was reared to farm life. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Third Regiment O. V. I., was mustered into the service as lieutenant, and served in Kentucky and Tennessee, participating in the battles of Blue Springs and Knoxville, and in many minor engagements. In 1863 he was commissioned captain, and was mustered out in April, 1864, owing to physical disability, immediately returning to Carlisle township, Lorain county, Ohio (whither he had come from East Liverpool), where he has since resided.

In 1868 Capt. John Booth was married to Miss Nellie King, and they have three children, namely: John, Mary and Bessie. Our subject has been extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising, and was formerly engaged in buying sheep, which were driven from Columbiana county, Ohio, to Missouri, in 1844, thence from St. Louis county, in 1845, to Saline county, in the western part of the State. He takes an active part in politics.

COLONEL J. W. STEELE, the genial and popular postmaster at Oberlin, was born at Middlebury (East Akron), Ohio, December 21, 1836, a son of Alexander and Maria (Whedon) Steele. The father was a native of New

Hampshire, and died April 6, 1872; the mother, a native of the State of New York, is still living at Oberlin.

Alexander Steele received his elementary education at the public schools of his native place, after which he attended a medical school at Castleton, Vt., from which he graduated M. D. In 1835 he came to Ohio, and commenced the practice of his profession in Middlebury (East Akron), from which place he came to Oberlin, Lorain county, when the subject of this sketch was about three months old. Here, the first regular practitioner in the town, he practiced until 1872.

The subject of our sketch received his education at Oberlin, and after leaving school read law in the office of Judge G. M. Barber, in Cleveland. In 1859 he graduated at the Cleveland Law School, after which he continued to reside in Cleveland until the spring of 1861, when he returned to Oberlin. On September 16 of that year, he enlisted in Company H, Forty-first O.V. I., raised in Lorain county, which was attached to the army of the Cumberland. For the first year he served with his regiment, and was then placed on Gen. J. M. Palmer's staff, as judge advocate, also as engineer officer. By President Lincoln he was appointed aide-de-camp with rank of major, and assigned to duty with Gen. D. S. Stanley, commander of the Fourth Army Corps. In July, 1865, he was sent to Texas to oppose Gen. Kirby Smith, and in his entire service he participated in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, etc., the Atlanta Campaign, engagements at Franklin, Nashville, and others. On March 23, 1866, he was mustered out of the service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and A. D. C., U. S. V., and returned home.

In 1867 he was elected probate judge of Lorain county, and reëlected in 1871, serving about one year of his second term, at which time he resigned on account of impaired health. He then commenced the business of railroad contractor, constructing sixty-five miles of the Canada Southern Railway, which occupied about one and one-half years, and on completion of this he was engaged on a survey in South America, for a railway through the valley of the upper Amazon. Following this he contracted on other railroads in the north and west. In 1888 the Colonel was appointed postmaster at Oberlin, under the Harrison administration, and has since filled the position with eminent ability.

In 1867 Col. J. W. Steele and Miss Ella F. Clark were married. They have had born to them four children, as follows: Ella Louise, a teacher in Oberlin college; Margaret and Marion, both at school; and John, living at home. Our subject is a member of the G. A. R., and secretary of the Society of the Cumberland, to which position he was elected in 1870.

REV. J. P. BARDWELL, who in his lifetime was one of the well-known and prominent citizens of Oberlin, intimately connected with its early history, was born in the town of Edmiston, Otsego Co., N. Y., September 16, 1803, of English lineage.

Mr. Bardwell was converted under the preaching of Rev. Spalding, and in order to qualify himself for the ministry came to Oberlin, where he attended the college, and studied theology under Rev. Finney. In 1835 he married, in New York, Miss Cornelia C. Bishop, a lady of English ancestry, and they went out as missionaries to the Indians, their station being at Leech Lake, northern Minnesota. Prior to this, however, he had spent some time in the South locating teachers among the negroes, and he was frequently assaulted and insulted while in the discharge of his good work, at one time a friend losing his life in an endeavor to protect him. He was connected with the A. M. A., and collected funds for the same, besides working hard

for the cause, so much so that his health became much impaired. His death occurred, in 1872, at Leech Lake (his last illness being brought on by hardship and exposure), and his body was brought to Oberlin for burial. Three children were born to Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Bardwell, as follows: (1) John N., who is married, and had two daughters, the elder one being dead; (2) Cornelia E., wife of Henry Chapman, of Cleveland, Ohio (they have three children: Henry Bardwell, a graduate of Oberlin and Cambridge Colleges, now in Cleveland; Harriet, a graduate of Wellesley College, and who also attended Oberlin College; and Willie, now in college); and (3) Alonzo, who died at the age of eleven years.

ALTON HENRY MOOERS, a representative self-made man, an honored and respected citizen of Elyria, and proprietor of the chair factory in northern Ohio, is a native of the State of New York, born in Ithaca, May 2, 1830.

Phineas Mooers, father of subject, was a native of New Jersey, born of Scotch ancestry, the first of whom to come to this country (in 1730) settled in New York. The names and places of settlement of the brothers and sisters of Phineas Mooers are: James, in Kingston, Canada; Jonathan, in Wilkes-Barre, Penn.; Henry, in Toledo, Ohio; Daniel, in New Orleans, La.; Kate (Mrs. William Young), in Toledo; Nancy and Mary, spinsters, passed all their lives in Ithaca, N. Y., dying there at over ninety years of age; Julia A. (Mrs. Armstrong) lived at Niagara Falls. In the order of birth Phineas comes next to Jonathan. He passed his early life in New Jersey, receiving his education at the public schools of that locality. While yet a youth he moved to Watertown, N. Y., where he learned the trade of chair maker, becoming a journeyman, and from there in course of time he moved to Ogdensburg, same State. Here in 1825 he married Elizabeth Shaw, a native of that town, and soon afterward the young couple made their home in Ithaca, Mr. Mooers carrying on a shop there for his own account; but after some time they proceeded to Watertown, remaining there some five years. From Watertown they came by canal, lake and team to Birmingham, Erie Co., Ohio, where he opened out a chair factory, carrying same on till 1839, in which year they removed to Sandusky City. Here Mr. Mooers carried on the same business ten years, but on account of cholera breaking out there, he returned to Birmingham, whence after a two years' residence they came to Ridgeville township, Lorain county, passing the rest of their days in peaceful retirement at the home of their son, A. H. The father died January 26, 1855, the mother September 30, 1879. Mr. Mooers in his political predilections was originally a Democrat until the election of Van Buren for President, when he united with the Whig party, later becoming, on its organization, a stanch Republican, remaining in the ranks of the party the rest of his life. He served as a justice of the peace in Erie county. The following is a brief record of the children born to Phineas and Elizabeth (Shaw) Mooers: Oscar D. is deceased; Matilda T. married Jonathan Taylor; Julia B. married Hanson S. Mitchell; A. H. is the subject proper of this memoir; Mary J. married Charles Arbogast; Charles is a resident of Chicago, Ill.; Carrie is the wife of William H. Tucker; George, who enlisted in the Indiana Heavy Artillery, three-years service, was killed at the battle of Port Hudson; Frank enlisted in the Twelfth Ind. V. I., was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga, and died at Danville, Va.; Emeline and William are both deceased.

Alton H. Mooers received a liberal education at the schools of his native town, and in his father's factory learned chair making. At the age of twenty-two he

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came to Elyria, and there followed his trade until 1853, in which year he came to Ridgeville, and embarked in his present business. The chair factory, probably the most extensive of any kind in the county, has a capacity of eighty thousand chairs per annum, and is still growing, promising to become in the near future an establishment of mammoth proportions.

In September, 1854, Mr. Mooers was united in marriage with Miss Arlette, daughter of Wyllys Terril, of Ridgeville township, and children as follows were born to them: Etta (Mrs. Charles Ingersol), deceased; Nettie (Mrs. B. H. Starr); Frank C. (Mrs. Clayton Chapman); Phineas, who died at the age of three months; Fred, deceased when ten days old, and one that died in infancy. In politics Mr. Mooers was a Democrat until 1885, when he joined the Republican party. He has held various township offices; was school trustee seventeen years, and president of the board of education five years; was township trustee and treasurer five consecutive years each, and was superintendent of roads two years. For fourteen years he has been a member of the Lorain County Agricultural Society—eight in the capacity of president, and one as treasurer. In religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Society at Ridgeville, of which he has been a trustee eighteen years.

An active, enterprising citizen, and a man of the steadiest probity, Mr. Mooers commands the respect of every one with whom he comes in contact.

HORACE J. CLARK, dealer in general merchandise, and one of the prominent and influential citizens of Oberlin, is a native of Ohio, born in Medina county January 27, 1839, a son of John and Betsey (Tyler) Clark, and of Massachusetts descent through his paternal grandfather.

John Clark, father of subject, was born in New York State, whence in the pioneer days of Ohio he came to Medina county, where he passed the rest of his days in agricultural pursuits. He was a very active, aggressive and prosperous man, a Whig in politics, and in religion a Congregationalist. He married Miss Betsey Tyler, a native of Poultney, Vt., who with him and their children came west to Ohio, driving an ox-team. After his death in 1845 Mrs. Clark with her children revisited the old home, traveling the same route, this time with a horse team. Mrs. Clark lived to be seventy-seven years old, the mother of nine children, five of whom —William P., Mary E., Merrit, Lucinda B. and Horace J.—reached mature age, and of these the following is a brief record: William P., who now lives on the old homestead in Medina county, Ohio, for many years owned and conducted a select school at Medina, and afterward was superintendent of Norwalk (Ohio) public schools, and also of the public schools at Hillsdale, Mich.; Mary E. is unmarried, and now lives on the old homestead with her brother; Merrit married and settled in Covington, Ohio, where he died in 1852; Lucinda B. died in 1846 at Medina, Ohio, at the age of twenty-four years.

Horace J. Clark, the subject proper of this sketch, received his elementary education in the select school of his brother at Medina, Ohio. At the age of nineteen he entered Western Reserve College, where he graduated in the class of 1861. After this he had charge of the Shaw Academy at East Cleveland two years; then had charge of the Tallmadge (Ohio) Academy, four years, at the end of which time, finding his health impaired, he abandoned teaching for a time, and embarked in the business of manufacturing stoneware, building the first works of the kind in Tallmadge, Ohio. On regaining his health at the end of two years, he accepted the position of principal of the Poland (Ohio) Union Seminary, an in-

cumbency he filled during the greater part of a decade. For eight years he was a member of the board of examiners of Mahoning county. For the next two years he was traveling agent for the publishing house of Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., at the close of which engagement, in 1879, he was appointed superintendent of public schools at Oberlin, Lorain county, in which capacity he served three and one half years, when he resigned, and was reappointed by election to his old position in the Poland Seminary. At the end of two years, however, he resigned this position, and returned to Oberlin in order to give his children the advantages of Oberlin College. Here for the past eight years he has successfully carried on a general merchandise business.

In 1861 Mr. Clark was united in marriage at Hudson, Ohio, with Miss Lizzie P. Blackman, who was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and whose parents emigrated from England before the days of steamships, being nine weeks on the ocean. To this union have been born five children, as follows: (1) Mary A. is a graduate of the classical course of Oberlin College, class of 1886, has since been engaged in teaching, and was at one time assistant principal of the high school in Wellington, Ohio. (2) Frank S. is a graduate of the classical course of Oberlin College, class of 1887; he took the medical course in the Medical School of Western Reserve University, Cleveland; he was for one and one-half years in charge of Lakeside Hospital, for one year of the time as house physician; for one year had charge of the Charity Maternity Hospital, and is now a member of the staff of St. Alexis Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, where he is practicing medicine. (3) Edward W. is also a graduate of the classical course of Oberlin College, in the class of 1889; for two years he has been employed as tutor of Latin in the College; is now pursuing his studies in Leipsic, Germany, perfecting his preparation to teach College Latin and German; he married Miss Lottie Life, daughter of the late S. Life, of Oberlin, and one child has come to brighten their home, named Gertrude. (4) Anna Ida died at the age of five years at Poland, Ohio, and (5) Alice Gertrude died in Oberlin in 1886, when seven years old. Politically our subject is a Prohibitionist. He and his wife are members of the First Congregational Church.

A. W. SHERBONDY, a wide-awake, active farmer, and one of the most extensive grape-growers in Avon township, has resided on his present farm since 1851.

Our subject was born in 1823 in Westmoreland county, Penn., son of Peter and Martha (Reagan) Sherbondy, natives of Virginia, who in an early day removed to Westmoreland county, Penn., thence migrating to Portage (now Summit) county, Ohio, where they both died, the mother in 1830, the father in 1884. They had six children, namely: Malachi, who died in Summit county in 1888; A. W., subject proper of this sketch; John, who went to California in 1849; Peter, married, who resides in Akron, Ohio; Ella, wife of Jason Brown, of Akron, Ohio; and Esther, wife of Nelson Hawkins, of Summit county, Ohio. The Sherbondy family are of French extraction.

A. W. Sherbondy, who was always of rather feeble health, was reared in Summit county, on a farm, working thereon till his nineteenth year, in the meantime receiving his primary education at the common schools of his day. He then attended an academy for portions of two seasons, after which he engaged as clerk in a grocery store in Akron, Summit Co., Ohio, for a term of years, continuously, except that in the intermediate time he taught two terms of district school in Summit county. He was then engaged in the grocery business in Akron until 1851, also continuously,

excepting that in the meantime he taught five successive terms of district school in Lake township, Stark Co., Ohio. He then moved from Summit county to Avon township, Lorain county, and was there engaged in mercantile business seven years, after which he bought the Moore farm of seventy-five acres, one of the first settled tracts in the township. Here he has erected a good barn and comfortable residence, and is successfully conducting a general farming and grape-growing business; his vineyard covers an area of twenty-five acres.

In 1847 Mr. Sherbondy was married, in Portage county, to Rebecca A. Buckman, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, daughter of Abram and Rebecca A. (Lippincott) Buckman, who were natives of New Jersey, whence in an early day they came to Ohio, locating first in Stark and later in Portage county. The father, who was a farmer, died there in 1879, preceded to the grave by his wife in 1876. Mr. Sherbondy is president of the Lorain county Grape-growers Association, a growing organization, which was founded in 1889, and now has a membership of about one hundred. In politics he is a Republican, and in 1854 he was elected justice of the peace in Avon township, which office, with the exception of two terms, he has since continuously held; he has also served as notary public and township trustee, and he was postmaster at Avon Lake for eighteen years.

SAMUEL BUSBY. Among the prosperous farmers of LaGrange township, none stand higher in the esteem of their fellow-citizens than the gentleman whose name opens this sketch. He was born July 29, 1846, in Bedfordshire, England, son of William and Harriet (Russell) Busby, farming people in moderate circumstances.

Our subject was reared on a farm, and being denied the full advantages of the day schools, attended the night schools, where he learned to write. When five years old he was put to work, picking stones from the land, and also pulling a weed, there called "twitch-weed," which grew very profusely in his native country. When sixteen years old he left home to make his own way in the world, and first worked as a farm hand for five shillings a week, boarding himself. By being economical and saving he struggled along until 1870, when he concluded to leave England and seek his fortune in the United States. At this time his employer was owing him a sum of money, sufficient to bring him to America, which, on learning his intentions, he refused to pay him; but Mr. Busby was determined to come, and by borrowing from his friends he managed to get enough to pay his way across, sailing from Liverpool in the vessel "Tripoli," and after a voyage of twelve days landing, on April 27, 1870, at Boston, Mass. He had a ticket for Cleveland, Ohio, his destination being LaGrange, Lorain Co., Ohio, where his friends had located some time before, and he arrived there with eight dollars in his pocket, and anxious for work. He secured employment with William Stevenson at twelve dollars a month, and gave good satisfaction, for, though small in stature, he was not only an excellent worker but a steady-going young man. He afterward worked for various people, among them Warren Miller, L. G. Parsons, and Dr. George C. Underhill, the latter employing him for eighteen months at twenty-two dollars per month, the highest wages then paid for farm labor. He was in the employ of Dr. Merriam over four and a half years, and then worked nearly two years for A. R. Underhill, always receiving the highest compensation for his services. On March 21, 1882, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Leruah Miller, who was born, August 7, 1846, in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, daughter of Marcus Terrell. In 1880 he had purchased, from Chancey D. Brown, his present farm, con-

sisting of ninety-one acres of fertile land, where he has ever since resided, successfully engaged in farming. He is a systematic agriculturist, and a self-made man, having won success in the face of every obstacle, and he deserves no small amount of credit for his perseverance and industry. Politically he is a stanch member of the Republican party. Socially he is a member of LaGrange Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

E. F. LOOMIS, a successful and well-known agriculturist of La Grange township, is a native of same, born March 10, 1845, a son of Richard N. Loomis.

Russel Loomis, the grandfather of our subject, was born November 28, 1786, in Westmoreland, N. Y., a member of the fifth generation of his family in the United States, and a descendant of Joseph Loomis, who came in 1638 from Braintree, Essex county, England, to Windsor, Conn., and from whom the genealogy of the family dates. This genealogy was compiled in recent years, and was completed in 1870 by Elias Loomis, LL. D., professor of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy in Yale College. The name has been variously spelled—Lomas, Lomis, Lomys, etc. Russel Loomis was the first of the family to come to Ohio, he settling in LaGrange township, Lorain county, in 1831. He was married March 1, 1810, in Oneida county, N. Y., to Betsey French, who was born in 1788, and died October 21, 1860, in LaGrange township. Previous to his settlement Mr. Loomis had come to Ohio on horseback, and selected land here, becoming one of the very first settlers. He had a family of four children, all born in New York State, as follows: Erastus, born December 2, 1810, a lumber worker, who died July 8, 1839, in the South; Sarah, born January 22, 1813, who was married in LaGrange to James K. Pelton, and died in Putnam county, Ohio; Richard N., father of our subject; and Mary, born May 8, 1819, who died June 4, 1825, in New York State. Russel Loomis passed the remainder of his life in LaGrange township, dying in 1880 at the age of ninety-four years; he was interred in LaGrange cemetery.

Richard N. Loomis received his education in the common schools, and when fourteen years old came with his parents to Ohio, where he was reared to farm life. On May 23, 1840, he was married to Jane Pelton, who was born February 4, 1820, in Jefferson county, N. Y., daughter of James and Harriet (Clark) Pelton, the former of whom lived to be seventy-six years old, the latter eighty-four. James Pelton was the second permanent settler in LaGrange township, his brother-in-law, Nathan Clark, being the first. After his marriage Richard N. Loomis took up his residence on the homestead farm with his father, who lived with him, and there made his permanent home. At one time there were four generations of the Loomis family living in the same house. Richard Loomis was a lifelong farmer, and attained no small degree of success in his chosen vocation. He died March 19, 1883, and was buried near his parents. To him and his wife were born children as follows: Susan, born June 23, 1842, who was married May 20, 1865, to Harrison Smith, and died in October, same year; Erastus F., subject of this memoir; Calvin, born April 28, 1853, a farmer of LaGrange township; and Sarah M., born June 23, 1855, now Mrs. George Rawson, of Elyria, Ohio. Politically Mr. Loomis was originally a Whig, afterward a Republican, and he was actively interested in the success of his party; he held various local offices of honor and trust. Since his decease Mrs. Loomis has been living with her son on the homestead farm, where they have a very pleasant and comfortable home.

Erastus F. Loomis, whose name opens this sketch, was born March 10, 1845,

received a liberal education in the common schools of the neighborhood, and was reared to farm life under the direction of his father. He was united in marriage, June 16, 1866, with Miss Sarah J. Mynderse, a native of New York State, daughter of Andrew Mynderse, who is now a resident of LaGrange Center. For four years after marriage Mr. Loomis lived at home with his parents, and afterward located on twelve acres of land he owned in LaGrange township. He has been a lifelong tiller of the soil, and now owns 114 acres of good land, upon which he has erected various farm buildings. In his political preferences he is a Republican, and has held several offices in his township, serving as trustee three terms. He has prospered in his business, and now has a comfortable competence. Mrs. Loomis is a member of the Methodist Church at LaGrange. They have no children.

J C. LEHMAN, one of the leading farmers and well-known successful mechanics of Grafton township, was born at one o'clock in the morning of March 1, 1833, in London, England.

His father, Joseph Lehman, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, where he married Hannah Malay, also a native of that country. He was reared a farmer boy, but for nine years sailed the seas, visiting probably every commercial port in the world. Immediately after his marriage he proceeded to London, England, and in the fall of 1837 he sailed from Liverpool for the United States, landing in New York, the voyage occupying sixty days. From that city they moved west to Cleveland by river, canal and lake, and from the last named place they made an overland trip by wagon to Liverpool township, Medina county, in which vicinity Frederick Malay, father-in-law of Joseph Lehman, had previously located. In that section the latter bought a small piece of land. Here children were born to him, as follows: Mary, married to Frederick Garling, and died in Liverpool; Louisa, now Mrs. Joseph Hudson, of Grafton township, Lorain county, and a son that died in infancy. In course of time Joseph Lehman moved from Liverpool township to Grafton township, where he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1866, his wife following him to the grave in 1884, and both rest from their labors in the cemetery at Liverpool, Medina county. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and highly respected, industrious and frugal citizens; in politics he was a Democrat.

The subject proper of these lines was between four and five years of age when the family came to America, and in Liverpool, Ohio, he received a fair education at the common schools of the locality. His parents were strict Church people, the rules of which they observed very closely, and at the age of fourteen he was confirmed by the Bishop at Liverpool, the first confirmation ever held in the place. Immediately after that he left school and home to seek his fortune in the world. His first work was on the farm of Eli Warner, at six dollars per month, and then, an acquaintance at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, having induced him to go there, he set out on foot, with nothing wherewithal to appease his appetite on the journey. He reached his destination, however, in safety, and remained there three years, after which he went to Cleveland to learn the trade of carpenter. Having served an apprenticeship of two years thereat (receiving six dollars per month for first year, and sixteen dollars per month for second year), he found he had attained such proficiency as to be able to earn one dollar and fifty cents per day; and thus he continued at his trade several years, working one year in Chicago, and three years in Indianapolis Ind. Coming to Grafton township, Lorain county, he here continued his trade till 1888, when he retired from it. F

twenty years he followed this, in connection with farming, during the proper seasons, erecting some of the best residences and barns in his section of the State, besides churches, town halls and other public buildings, frequently having under him as many as three gangs of carpenters. He had no superior as a calculator on estimates, and it was due to this, coupled with an accurate idea as to cost and amount of material necessary, that he made such an enviable success. In 1868 he bought in that township twenty acres of land at thirty-five dollars per acre, and afterward eighty-five acres from Josiah Taylor heirs, to which he from time to time added until he now owns 312 acres of excellent land. He has been thoroughly economical, and assisted his parents to pay for their home, giving them all his earnings, up to the time he came of age, and not a little afterward. His aged mother made her home with him for thirty years.

On February 24, 1863, Mr. Lehman was married to Amelia Lyndes, who was born September 26, 1840, in Grafton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, daughter of Orville and Mary Lyndes, who came from Vermont and Massachusetts, respectively, to Lorain county, he in 1823, and she in 1816. Children as follows were born to this union: Cassius W., who died at the age of twenty-six years; and Clayton De Witt, Clifford E. and Corinna B., at home. Politically our subject was a Republican up to 1873, since when he has been a Democrat.

CLARENCE HUGH SLATER, proprietor of a bus and dray line, at Lorain, is a prominent representative native-born citizen of that place. His grandfather, Robert Slater, was a native of Pennsylvania, and in 1811 came to Lorain county, Ohio, where he followed his trade, that of carpenter, erecting some of the early residences in Lorain. His death occurred in the South.

Hugh Slater, son of Robert Slater, was born, in 1826, in Lorain county, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. He learned the trade of carpenter, and for a while carried on a farm in Sheffield township, after his marriage settling in Lorain. In 1849 he was united in marriage, at Elyria, with Miss Tirzah Bedortha, and they had one child, Clarence Hugh. Mr. Slater was an active politician, an ardent supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He served as lighthouse-keeper of Lorain three years. He died in 1863, Mrs. Slater in 1891, aged sixty-three years.

Clarence Hugh Slater was born August 10, 1850, in Lorain, Lorain Co., Ohio, at the public schools of which place he received his education. He commenced life as a sailor, working for five years under Capt. Church, and after leaving the lakes engaged for five years in the fishing business. For the next five years Mr. Slater was employed in the shipyards at Lorain under H. D. Root; then engaged in farming in Sheffield township, and afterward ran the first milk wagon in Lorain, conducting the Ayrshire Milk Dairy. He was then engaged in the building of the new courthouse at Elyria, Lorain county, thence going to Marion, Ind., and assisted in the erection of the courthouse there. After his return to Elyria Mr. Slater worked for a time in the Elyria Screw and Tap Factory, and then coming to Lorain engaged with F. M. Whitman in the Sussex Sauce Works. He next ran a pleasure yacht to Randall's Grove and Lake Breeze, and then embarked in the dray business, which he sold out after three years, since which time he has conducted his present bus line between Lorain and Oak Point.

On January 20, 1874, Mr. Slater was married to C. N. Wallace, a native of Elyria, who was divorced in 1887, leaving him one child, Maud. In 1889 he married, for his second wife, Miss Ida Gleeson, a native of Lorain, daughter of Frank Gleeson, a

resident of Lorain, and to this union was also born one child, Goldie. Mr. Slater owns a farm of forty acres in Black River township, situated on the Lake, two and a half miles west of Lorain, which he devotes to the raising of fruit. He also owns four residences in Lorain. In politics he votes with the Democratic party, and he takes an active interest in everything tending to promote the welfare and advancement of his county. Socially he is a member of the O. U. A. M., and of Lorain Lodge No. 680, I. O. O. F., and he and his wife are both members of the Order of Rebekah. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Slater are Methodists. Mr. Slater has watched the progress and growth of Lorain from its very beginning, and he remembers the time when there was but one house across the river.

HENRY H. CLOUGH. The gentleman here named is one of the most prominent and progressive of Lorain county's prosperous citizens. He is a grandson of Deacon John and Judith (Gerrish) Clough, the former of whom was born in Canterbury, N. H., the latter being a descendant of Sir Matthew Hale, of England.

Baxter Clough, father of subject, was born in Canterbury, N. H., in 1807, and was reared to the arduous duties of agriculture on his father's farm till 1830, when he came westward, and after some misadventures located in Solon township, Cuyahoga county, at that time an unbroken wilderness. Subsequently he moved to Cleveland, thence to Berea, Cuyahoga county, and finally to Lorain county, his attention having been called to the freestone quarries in North Amherst, whither he moved in 1852, and formed a partnership with P. & L. Dean, which was of short duration, however, he having purchased his partner's interests. He then commenced the manufacture of grindstones, which industry from small beginnings developed into gigantic proportions. About 1860, there having sprung up a demand for block stone for building purposes, Mr. Clough turned his attention more particularly to that branch, which in course of a few years increased to a business of enormous magnitude. Docks were built by him at the lake, and a railroad was constructed to the dock, which supplied a direct outlet of his own to ship by water. He also purchased and developed what was known as the Independence and Columbia quarries, where he also manufactured great quantities of block stone and grindstones. On July 19, 1832, he was married to Miss Hannah Gerrish, formerly of Boscowan, N. H., at that time residing with her brother in Solon, and eight children were born to them, of whom Henry H. is the seventh. The father died in November, 1872, the mother on January 21, 1893, in her eighty-seventh year, having been born April 20, 1807. They were consistent members of the Congregational Church.

Henry H. Clough, the subject proper of this memoir, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, August 22, 1846, and when a child was brought by his parents to North Amherst, where he was reared. His elementary education he received at the common schools of the town, which was supplemented with a course of study at Oberlin College, on leaving which he became connected with the Clough Stone Company. At the death of their father, the sons J. B. and Henry H. succeeded to the business, and the latter became president of the company. On December 16, 1868, Henry H. Clough was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Barney, of Black River township, Lorain county, Ohio, and six children were born to them, as follows: Hallie M., Mattie B., Otis H., Karl B., Albert G. and Henry Hale, of whom Albert G. died in infancy. For four years Mr. Clough was president of the pool which controlled all the stone quarries in his section. He is secretary-treasurer of the Giles-Clough

Fruit-jar Manufacturing Company at Redkey, Ind. Of late he has been interested in banking, and he is now president of two banks—one, the National Bank of Bowling Green, Ohio, the other, the Volusia County Bank of De Land, Fla.; he is also a director of the Savings and Deposit Bank of Elyria. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Clough is one of the leading capitalists of Elyria, and out of the stone business has amassed a fortune. His elegant stone residence, the architecture of which is especially recherche, and which is built after his own design, commands the admiration of all.

HERBERT S. FOLLANSBEE. Prominent among the progressive citizens and enterprising manufacturers of Lorain county stands this gentleman. He is a native of Massachusetts, born in Taunton, February 15, 1857.

The Follansbees were among the early settlers of Amesbury, Mass., several generations of the family having been born there down to and including Joshua Follansbee, father of the subject of this sketch. He, Joshua, was a tradesman in the leather business, in Rhode Island. He was married in Warren, R. I., to Miss Hannah Adams, daughter of Nathaniel and Polly (Hunter) Adams, the father being of the early Massachusetts family of that name so famous in American history. Mrs. Polly (Hunter) Adams was of an old Massachusetts family, and some of her ancestors owned a large tract of land that is now in the heart of the city of Providence, R. I. A copy of the deed for this land, which bears the date of 1768, is now in the possession of Mr. Follansbee.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Follansbee resided in Massachusetts and Rhode Island alternately, finally settling in Pawtucket, that State, where they died, he in 1890, at the age of seventy-six years, she in 1880, aged fifty-six. They were the parents of eight children: One died in infancy; the remaining children are all now residents of either Massachusetts or Rhode Island, except our subject, who was the only one in the family to settle in the West.

Herbert S. Follansbee was an infant when his parents removed to Rhode Island, six years old when they took up their home again in Taunton, Mass., and ten when they moved to Central Falls, R. I., where he received the main part of his education, at the high school of which place he graduated. From Central Falls the family removed to Pawtucket, R. I., where for a short time he was engaged in real-estate and insurance interests, after which he was employed in various lines of business, including two years in a printing office, and seven years as clerk and salesman. At the end of this time he accepted a position with Reed & Barton, of Taunton, Mass., extensive silverware manufacturers, and spent ten months in their factory learning the business—the mode of manufacturing, etc. He was then offered by the firm a position to represent them as traveling salesman, which offer he accepted, and for ten years he was "on the road" as salesman. Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, was one of his stopping places, and on one of his trips, he here met the young lady who subsequently became his wife, in the person of Miss Minnie Mountain, of that town, and they were united in marriage October 1, 1885. About one year later Mr. Follansbee formed the acquaintance of Mr. A. L. Garford and Mr. F. N. Smith, of Elyria, and a close friendship springing up between them they decided to unite themselves in business, the result being the establishment of the bicycle saddle manufacturing concern in Elyria, Mr. Follansbee's special duties being to introduce the saddle to the eastern and western trade. At the commencement of this business the firm consisted of A. L. Garford, F. N. Smith and H. S.

W. J. Tollansbee.

Follansbee, and the style thereof was "Garford Manufacturing Co." After about one and one-half years the business was incorporated under State laws, with A. L. Garford, president; H. S. Follansbee, vice-president, and Fred N. Smith, secretary and treasurer, retaining the original title. The present stock company consists of some of the brightest business men in the county, and men of high financial standing. Mr. Follansbee was up to October 1, 1892, for ten years, identified with the Reed & Barton Co., before mentioned, but had to resign his position, the business of the Garford Manufacturing Co. having grown to such proportions as to demand his undivided attention.

Since his marriage Mr. Follansbee has made his home in Elyria. He and his wife had one child, named Stanley, that died in 1890. They are members of the Episcopal Church at Elyria, of which he is a vestryman. He is a member of the Cleveland Commercial Travelers Association; a stockholder in the Savings Deposit Bank, of Elyria, and in the Hunt Manufacturing Co., of Westborough, Mass., of which Mr. Garford is president.

JOHN BERG, one of the best-known and most successful citizens of Russia township, was born February 5, 1842, in Bavaria, Germany, son of Jacob (a coal miner) and Elizabeth (Morgenstern) Berg.

The parents had four children born to them in Germany, namely: John; Charles, a farmer and mason in Russia township; Jacob, of Oberlin, Ohio; and Catherine, wife of James McIlrath, of Oceana county, Michigan.

In April, 1854, the family, with the help of friends, started for the United States, sailing from Antwerp, but were detained when only twenty-four miles from home, as their passports had been improperly made out. Owing to this delay they were obliged to cross in a merchant vessel, the "Golden Spring," which sailed one week later, and after a voyage of forty-two days landed, about June 1, in Quebec. From the latter place they proceeded by boat to Cleveland, Ohio, and thence over the C. C. C. & I. Railway to Grafton, where they hired a team and were driven to the German settlement in Russia township, Lorain county. Here the father hired out as a farm hand, and shortly afterward purchased ten acres of land at twelve dollars per acre, for which he was obliged to go into debt. Mr. Berg, who was used to mining, suffered much after coming here from the change of climate; he died in 1858, and was buried in Carlisle cemetery. His widow is still living. After coming to Lorain county they had one child, Frank, who died at the age of twenty-eight.

Our subject attended school in the Fatherland, and then for six months after coming to Lorain county, which completed his literary education. He was but sixteen years old when his father died, at which time he was working for eight dollars a month, and being the eldest his wages had to go toward the support of the family. When nineteen years old he commenced to learn the stone mason's trade under William and George Evans, receiving eight dollars a month the first year, and twice that amount the second year. In May, 1862, he enlisted, at Sandusky, Ohio, in Company C, "Hoffman Battalion," which afterward became Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth O. V. I., and served till the close of the war, being stationed on Johnson's Island, near Sandusky. After receiving his discharge he returned to Russia township, and then resumed his trade.

On December 16, 1868, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Griem, who was born October 20, 1849, in Germany, daughter of Joachim Griem, who came to the United States in 1854, locating in

Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio. After marriage Mr. Berg located on a farm of thirty-four acres in Russia township, which he had previously purchased for a home for the family. He has since given his chief attention to masonry and contracting, in which he has been very successful. He has a pleasant residence north of Oberlin, where he makes his home during the winter, in summer time living wherever his work takes him. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a member of the German Evangelical Church at North Amherst.

J. B. THOMPSON, capitalist, a typical "hustler," and one of the live young business men of Lorain county, of which he is a native, was born in Columbia township in 1861.

His grandparents, John and Amanda (Osborn) Thompson, were natives of Connecticut, and about the year 1810 came to Columbia township, Lorain county, where they passed the rest of their lives, the grandfather dying in January, 1893, the grandmother in 1890. Grandfather Asel Osborn, also a native of Connecticut, was one of the first settlers of Columbia township, and one of the first commissioners of Lorain county. S. B. Thompson, father of subject, was born in Columbia township, Lorain county, where he married Miss Emular Osborn, and they are still living in the township. They had two children: W. B., in Lorain, Ohio, and J. B.

The subject of this sketch was educated at the common schools of his native place, and at Berea College, after which he went on the road as a traveling salesman for a Cleveland cloak firm; later for a New York house, his residence during that period (two years) being in that city. He then, in 1888, embarked in the live-stock business on a small scale at West View, Cuyahoga county, buying and selling, from which modest beginning he has already risen to be one of the prominent business men of the locality. In 1889 he commenced the real-estate business, buying seventy acres adjacent to West View, and buildings thereon; it will soon be incorporated in the southeast addition to that village. He has already thirty-seven lots platted on the east side of Rocky river, and purposes to plat his entire farm. Already he has put up twelve residence houses, store and blacksmith and carriage shop, which he rents, and is still building. In addition to all this he owns ten fine residences in Cleveland, one in Wadsworth, and a good farm near Medina, all in Ohio. The Columbia Stone Quarries adjoin his farm, and their business is expanding rapidly in Columbia township, which tends to enhance the value of his property as well as increasing the advantages of the village of West View.

In 1886 Mr. Thompson was united in marriage in Cleveland, Ohio, with Miss Nellie Charter. In politics he is an ardent Republican, taking an active interest in the affairs of his party.

EDWARD HILDEBRAND. Among the most progressive of Lorain county's native-born young men, none stands more prominent than this gentleman. He was born on his present farm in Black River township July 27, 1856, a son of Benjamin and Eliza (Applemann) Hildebrand, natives of Hessen, Germany.

The father, who was by trade a ship carpenter, when a young man came in 1844 with his father, Edward David Hildebrand, to America and to Ohio, settling on a farm in Black River township, where he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1879; he was an active, intelligent, thoroughgoing man, commanding the respect of his fellow citizens, who elected him to the responsible position of township trustee.

His widow is yet living. They had a family of six children, of whom the following is a brief record: Rowena is the wife of William Fullmer, of Amherst township; Sophia is the wife of Henry Bickel, late of Black River township, Lorain county; Elizabeth is the widow of Henry Plato, of North Amherst; Christina is the wife of Adam Jaeger, also of North Amherst; Minnie died young; Edward is the subject of this biographical memoir.

Edward Hildebrand has always followed agricultural pursuits, including stock raising, and is now the owner of a fine stock farm of eighty-eight acres in Black River township, Lorain county, well watered by Beaver and Wind creeks. In July, 1878, he was united in marriage with Mary Wernert, a native of Germany, and daughter of John and Dora (Hett) Wernert, who came from the Fatherland with their family in 1872; the father died in 1888, and the mother is yet living in North Amherst. To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hildebrand have been born seven children, namely: Lizzie, Montana, Phillip, Henry, Paulina, Willie and Esther. The parents are members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of North Amherst. Mr. Hildebrand is a member of the K. O. T. M. and I. O. G. T.; in politics he is a Democrat, but in local matters he invariably votes for the man on his individual merits without regard to his political status.

HALSEY GARFIELD, a prosperous representative agriculturist of Sheffield township, is a native of same, born December 24, 1823.

His father, Milton Garfield, was born in 1792, in Tyringham, Mass., where he was reared and educated, and whence in 1815 he came to Ohio, first locating in Lake county, and then, in 1816, settling in Sheffield township, Lorain county, where he bought a quantity of unimproved land. He was married in Avon township, in May, 1820, to Miss Tempe Williams, a native of Massachusetts, born in 1800, a daughter of John and Clarissa (Hamlin) Williams, also of Massachusetts, who came with their family to Avon township, Lorain county, where the father followed agricultural pursuits during the rest of his days. He died in November, 1862; his widow is yet surviving, now at the advanced age of ninety-three years, though still retaining her mental faculties to a wonderful degree. H. H. Williams, of Avon township, is her brother. "Col." Garfield (as he was best known) was originally a Whig, afterward, on the organization of the party, a Republican, and he served as county commissioner. To Mr. and Mrs. Milton Garfield were born six children—three sons and three daughters—of whom the following is a brief record: (1) Henry W. was reared in Lorain county, and in 1849 went to California, whence he returned home in 1869; he died in 1892. (2) Halsey is the subject of this sketch. (3) Eliza Paulina is the wife of George F. Smith, and they occupy the old homestead. (4) Fannie M. was the wife of Graham Harris; she died in 1870. (5) Daniel W. is a farmer in Sheffield township. (6) Julia C. is the wife of Edward Root, also of Sheffield township.

Halsey Garfield received a liberal education at the schools of Sheffield township, and in his youth taught both in Huron and Lorain counties, Ohio; he also learned the trade of carpenter. Afterward he was for years engaged in selling goods at French Creek, Lorain Co., Ohio, and since 1863 he has carried on farming operations in Sheffield township. In all his undertakings he has deservedly prospered.

In 1855 he was married, in his township, to Miss Harriet Root, daughter of William H. and Sarah Eliza (Case) Root, natives of Sheffield, Mass., the father born in 1803, died in 1889; the mother was called from earth in 1833, when Mrs.

Harriet Garfield was an infant. To Mr. and Mrs. Garfield were born four children: Jessie, a teacher of music, and who is a pupil of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music; Shirley; William M., a graduate of Oberlin College, class of 1889; and Tempe F., also a graduate of Oberlin College, class of 1891, and who is now a teacher in the schools of Batavia, Ill. The mother of these passed away March 7, 1889. In politics Mr. Garfield is a Republican, and has served his township as trustee three terms, and as assessor two terms.

W. L. FAY, attorney at law, as one of the influential citizens of Lorain county, deserves a place in this volume.

The first of the Fay family to land in America was John Fay, who came from England, A. D. 1656 in the good ship "Speedwell," and settled in Massachusetts. From him descended in a direct line the subject of this sketch, as follows: John, Jr., James, Daniel, Aaron (great-grandfather, who married Rebecca Winslow), Lyman (grandfather, born in Vermont), Winslow (father), and Winslow Lamartine (subject), the eighth of his generation in America.

Dr. Lyman Fay (grandfather) came to Ohio in 1815, and soon after located at Milan, Erie county. He soon gained a wide reputation as a physician and business man. In addition to his professional labors he kept a drug and general store, a large grain warehouse, and was one of the promoters of the Milan Canal which, before the days of railroads, made Milan the principal grain market of northern Ohio. He accumulated a large property, and died of cholera September 2, 1854. On July 21, 1816, he married Catherine Kellogg, who survived him, dying December 3, 1862.

Joseph Brooks (maternal grandfather) came to Ohio from eastern New York at an early day; his wife was Rachel Barnum of Danbury, Conn., related to Phineas T. Barnum, the great showman.

WINSLOW LAMARTINE FAY, the subject of this sketch, was born at Clarksfield, Huron Co., Ohio, September 12, 1848, a son of Winslow and Mary Ann (Brooks) Fay, the former of whom was born April 21, 1817, on the Huron river, at Avery, near Milan, Erie Co., Ohio, and died August 4, 1884. He (the father) was the oldest of a family of ten children. He was a merchant during the greater part of his life, but during his later years was engaged in farming. He was married January 6, 1839, to Mary Ann Brooks, who was born at Florence, Ohio, December 30, 1818, and died May 4, 1878. The mother was educated at the seminary conducted by Dr. Monteith of Elyria, who at that early day was widely known as a successful and thorough instructor. W. L. was the second of three sons who grew to manhood. He received a liberal education at Oberlin College, and during his vacations taught school for a number of years in Huron and Lorain counties. When just past sixteen years of age, becoming dissatisfied with farm life, he asked the consent of his father to be allowed to start out and make his own way in the world; the consent was kindly granted, and without further aid, by perseverance and hard study and close application, he provided means to secure his own education, and obtain his profession. He read law with Hon. John C. Hale, then of Elyria, where he was admitted to the bar in 1870 under twenty-two years of age; for four years thereafter he practiced his profession with his preceptor, at the end of which time he opened an office on his own account. Up to 1879 he did a successful general practice; but close confinement to office and professional work seriously affecting his health, he gradually gave his attention to other matters less confining, until now his law practice occupies only a small portion of his time. He is the inventor of the Fay Sulky Scraper for mov-

W. L. Fay.

ing earth, and was engaged in its manufacture for several years. Afterward he invented the "Fairy Tricycle" for ladies, girls and cripples, which he manufactured in large numbers, and which have been sold extensively all over this country, and many shipped to foreign lands. He organized the Fay Manufacturing Co., and was principal owner of same until he sold his entire interest in December, 1891. A short time previous to this he bought the controlling interest in The Elyria Stone Co., which has extensive quarries at Grafton, Ohio, and he now holds the offices of secretary, treasurer and manager of said Company. Since his connection with this Company the plant has been greatly enlarged and improved, and the business very much increased. He is also engaged in the manufacture of Babbitt metal under the firm name and style of W. L. Fay & Co., which business he has conducted since 1876. He has also been engaged in farming all his life, he now owning an interest in a large grape farm on Avon Point, Lorain county; he also has vessel interests on the lakes, and has many other investments that require more or less time. In addition to his business Mr. Fay has found leisure to travel quite extensively, he having visited and traveled over the greater portions of this country, of interest, and a considerable part of Europe.

Mr. Fay was first united in marriage in May, 1878, to Emma A. Vincent, who died in June, 1879, leaving to his care an infant daughter—Mary Emma. He was married, the second time, in 1886, to Ophelia Goss Lawrence, a daughter of Rev. John Lawrence, of St. Johnsbury, Vt. His present wife was the fifth of a family of eight children, and was born at Wilton, Me., during her father's pastorate at that place. Her father, Rev. John Lawrence, is a direct descendant of John Lawrence, born at Wisset, England, in 1609, and who soon afterward came to this country and settled in Watertown, Mass. Her mother was Nancy Temple Wakefield, of Reading, Mass. By his second marriage Mr. Fay has four children: Lamartine Brooks, and Lawrence Temple (twins), Rachel Charlotte, and Florence.

Politically our subject is one of the stanchest Republicans, although he has never been an office seeker. He is a member of the Masonic Lodges of his place, and in this has followed in the line of his forefathers as far back as he has any record; is also a member of a number of other secret Societies. He is the examiner of the Savings Deposit Bank of Elyria; one of the directors, secretary and attorney for the Elyria Savings and Loan Co., of which he was one of the founders; is also director in a number of other enterprises of which he is a member. Whatever business he has undertaken, he has made a success of, and those that know him best are his best friends. Mr. Fay is a thorough believer in temperance, and at all times is ready and willing to lend his aid in anything that will help remove the curse of this evil from the land, although he does not follow all the ideas that are advocated by extremists in this direction; he is also a believer in the Gospel of Christ, but has never united with any Church. He is a stockholder in the Gospel News Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, publishers of the *Gospel News*, a weekly religious paper which was started for the purpose of furnishing Christian reading matter to the masses, at a low price.

ANTON JUNGBLUTH, a prosperous farmer of Sheffield township, where he owns and operates a highly cultivated farm of 250 acres, is a native of Germany, born in 1848.

Anton Jungbluth, father of subject, was born in Prussia during Christmas week of 1802. In his native land he was a grape grower, a business he followed there with considerable success. In 1852 he emigrated to the United States, coming to Lorain

county, Ohio, where in Sheffield township he settled on a farm of twenty-five acres, then all in the woods, which he cleared and improved, and where he carried on general farming. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a Catholic. He married Maggie Schuver, and their children were as follows: John, living with subject; Nicholas, in saloon business in Cincinnati, Ohio; Peter, who died at the age of forty years; and Anton. The father is yet living in the enjoyment of good health; the mother died February 13, 1892.

The subject of this sketch received a good education in the common schools of Sheffield township, Lorain county, whither he had come when about four years old, and he has been an agriculturist from the time he left school. At the age of twenty-five years he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Young, born in Sheffield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and by her has had six children, as follows: Anna, Mary, Catherine, John, Bernard and Francis. Mr. Jungbluth has been very successful at his occupation, and the old homestead of twenty-five acres which he bought he has added to from time to time till he has now 250 acres, as already related. He is a member of the Catholic Church, in politics a Democrat, and he is a member of the school board.

J. R. BARROWS, one of the most prosperous of the well-to-do agriculturists of Avon township, came here in July, 1828, from Genesee county, N. Y., where he was born in 1821. He is a son of Adnah and Clarissa (Day) Barrows, natives, respectively, of Connecticut and Bennington, Vt. Joseph Day, grandfather of subject, who was originally from Massachusetts, served as a soldier throughout the entire Revolutionary war, and after the close of the struggle settled in Bennington, Vermont, where he died at the age of ninety-three years.

Adnah Barrows, father of subject, when a boy, in 1811, moved to New York State, and served in the war of 1812, for which he received a pension. He was married in that State to Miss Clarissa Day, and in 1828 they came to Avon township, Lorain county, settling in the woods where they cleared a farm. Here the father passed from earth October 3, 1856, the mother November 26, 1882. They had a family of six children, five of whom grew to maturity, as follows: J. R.; Lyman, who went in 1883 to Shiawassee county, Mich., where he died about 1889; Heman, residing in Avon township; Lydia, widow of Jacob Walker, of Amherst township; and Eliza, wife of Edward S. Fitch, of Avon township.

J. R. Barrows, our subject, as will be seen, was seven years old when he came to Avon township, where he received such education as the primitive district schools of those early times afforded. He was carefully trained to the pursuits of the farm, and has made agriculture the vocation of his life, remaining on the old homestead until 1852, in which year he took possession of his present farm in the same township. His property at first numbered fifty-three acres, to which he from time to time added until now he is the owner of 114 acres, all in an advanced state of cultivation. In 1844 our subject was married in Avon township, Lorain county, to Miss Melvina P. Sawyer, daughter of John Sawyer, of New York State. To this union were born four children, viz.: Warren J., who died in 1872 in Erie county, N. Y.; Ellen C., who married John S. Blackwell, and died in 1882; Henry J., residing in Lorain; and Marietta, wife of F. H. Richardson, of Tampico, Whiteside Co., Ill. The mother of these died in 1860, and in 1861 Mr. Barrows wedded Mrs. Eunice (Royce) Griswold, widow of L. S. Griswold, and she dying in 1882, our subject married, in 1883, for his third wife, Mrs. Aurelia (Terrell) Sawyer, daughter of Willis Terrell (an early

pioneer of Ridgeville township, Lorain county), and widow of Philip Sawyer. There are no children by the last two marriages. In his political preferments our subject is a Republican, and has served as trustee and assessor of his township several terms. In Church relationship he is a Baptist, Mrs. Barrows being a member of the M. E. Church.

H. M. ANDRESS, the popular and enterprising liveryman of Elyria, is a native of Henrietta township, Lorain county, Ohio, born in 1855, a son of Carlo and Weltha (Smith) Andress. The father, who was a farmer, was born in Essex county, N. Y., in 1804, one of a family of ten children, came to Ohio in 1817, and died November 8, 1870; the mother died April 24, 1871.

H. M. Andress received a liberal common-school education, and in early youth commenced commercial life. For a time he owned a half interest in a grocery, which he sold out to Henry Wurst, and purchased a share in a livery, with Jno. T. Houghton; but, his partner subsequently retiring, our subject was left with his interest, and has continued the business alone ever since. The livery is one of the best equipped in Northern Ohio, and enjoys a wide and lucrative patronage. Soon after commencing in this line Mr. Andress opened an emporium for vehicles, handling all kinds of carriages, buggies, road wagons, farm wagons, sulkies, etc., in which he has met with well-merited success, selling both wholesale and retail. He has also traded considerably in horses—buying and selling. In connection he also opened out a harness shop in the lower story of the Odd Fellows Block, in the fall of 1891, which, like all his other enterprises, is a pronounced success. In company with Henry Wurst he purchased the "Beebe House," the leading hotel in Elyria, which at considerable outlay they repaired and refitted, and it now stands second to none in the county as a first-class hotel.

H. M. Andress and Miss M. G. Boynton, also a native of Elyria, were united in marriage July 9, 1878, and three children have been born to them: Maude, Jeane and George.

Joshua Boynton, father of Mrs. H. M. Andress, was born in Wiscasset, Maine, in 1811; her mother, Barbara (Arman) Boynton, was born in Germany. Of Mr. Andress it can be truthfully said, that as a "hustler" in business, and in financiering, he is a leader in the county, and, although yet a young man, he is owner of considerable property besides his business interests. He claims he has "never yet been guilty of voting for a Democrat, except for corporation or county offices;" so to particularize his politics would indeed be superfluous.

H. L. HECOCK, a rising and popular young attorney of Lorain, comes of an old family in Lorain county, his grandfather having been a pioneer of Sheffield township.

Our subject was born February 24, 1869, in Sheffield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, a son of I. B. and Mary (Drake) Hecock. He was educated at the common schools of his native township, and also at the Union schools of Elyria, where he graduated in the class of 1889. He taught school during the winter 1889–90, and in 1890 commenced the study of law under Mayor Thompson, of Lorain. He was admitted to the bar in December, 1892. By dint of hard study and close reading of books, both literary and legal, Mr. Hecock succeeded in securing a good professional education, and at the same time assisted in the support of his parents. He has manifested a special aptitude for mastering the technicalities of law, and has succeeded in winning the confidence and friendship of a

wide circle of acquaintances, which speaks well for his prospects in his business, and he already enjoys a creditable clientage. He is an advanced member of the I. O. O. F., being a member of Subordinate Lodge, Encampment, and Daughters of Rebekah, and a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. In the spring of 1893 he was elected justice of the peace, and has always taken an active part in politics since the time that he commenced to study law. On September 30, 1893, Mr. Hecock was married to Miss Annabel Burrell, formerly of Sheffield, the daughter of I. H. Burrell and Hanna (Hall) Burrell.

ELEAZER ABBE, one of the best-known and most highly respected of the retired agriculturists of Lorain county, was born December 28, 1805, in Lisle, Broome Co., N. Y., a son of Abel Abbe, who was born in Windham, Conn., August 7, 1767.

Solomon Abbe, grandfather of subject, was a native of the "Nutmeg State," where he married and had three children, viz.: One son, Abel, and two daughters, Esther and Rena. Abel Abbe was married August 26, 1789, in Connecticut, to Mariam Bingham, a native of Mansfield, Conn., born April 29, 1772, and the children of this union were as follows: Lura, born January 20, 1791, died in 1888; Rena, born August 31, 1792; Linda, born July 5, 1794; Origin, born April 20, 1796; Charles, born May 3, 1798; William, born April 15, 1800; Phœbe, born February 11, 1802; Foster, born January 23, 1804; Eleazer, subject; Abel, born February 15, 1808; Luther, born August 5, 1811, and Matilda, born June 11, 1813. The parents both died in Ohio, the father in 1845 at the home of his son Eleazer, the mother in 1854, at the home of her daughter Matilda, in Elyria. Abel Abbe followed farming in Connecticut, whence in the early part of this century he moved to New York State, where he carried on a sawmill and woolen mill. In 1817 he came to Ohio, locating in what is now Lake county, and opening in Madison township a blacksmith shop, but agricultural pursuits were his chief life work. In his political affiliations he was a Jackson Democrat, and in his military experience he was a captain of cavalry in the Connecticut militia.

Eleazer Abbe, the subject proper of these lines, received his education at a public school taught by his sister Linda, first held in a log schoolhouse, afterward in a frame one. On reaching maturity he commenced life for his own account. In 1831 he came to Lorain county, and purchased a sixty-acre tract of land in Elyria township, where he now resides, and also twenty-one acres adjoining, on credit. In addition to his farming interests he did considerable teaming, and among numerous other articles he brought from a distance was the first stove seen or used in Elyria, and also a pair of forge hammers and collars, hauling the latter articles from the Geauga furnace. He also carried loads of the product of the Elyria furnace to Ashland, Wayne county, which he would trade for produce. In this manner he succeeded in paying for his land purchase. He and his brother also hauled timber to Elyria, to be used in the construction of the earlier buildings, and in 1839 they were among the contractors for the macadamizing of the Maumee road. Mr. Abbe also furnished wood for the Geauga furnace, as well as ore. To Pittsburgh he carried produce by team, the trip usually consuming some nine or ten days.

In 1849, the year of the "gold fever," he embarked at Cleveland on the sailing vessel "Eureka," for a voyage to California. They went through the canals and down the St. Lawrence river to Quebec, where they remained a couple of weeks, and then proceeded down the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Atlantic Ocean. When they arrived in the vicinity of Cape Horn, they

found that, owing to a dense fog prevailing, they had to "double" it, instead of passing through the Straits of Magellan, the shorter route. Finally, after a voyage of nine months, our subject reached San Francisco, from where after landing he proceeded at once to the gold mines, and after a time returned to San Francisco for the winter. In the following spring he ascended the Yuba river; thence to Feather river; thence to Nelson creek, spending the ensuing winter again in San Francisco. In 1851 he concluded to return home, and took passage on the steamer "Republic" at 'Frisco for Panama. A short time after taking the steamer, she sprang a leak in mid-ocean, owing to her having run against a rock on the previous trip. She was kept afloat by hard pumping, and was run ashore at Acapulco bay, right on the beach, for repairs. The passengers were sent ashore with all their bedding. In an hour afterward her stern went down. There on the beach they saw the old bark "Eureka"; they say that the passengers were about to mutiny with their captain. He (the captain) gave up his bark, and ran off across Mexico. Mr. Abbe and the rest went to Panama on a Panama boat of the same line, which left San Francisco two weeks later. They crossed the Isthmus, thence Mr. Abbe sailed for New York, and from there traveled by rail homeward. He was absent about three years, during which time he made good wages, but experienced great hardships and many trials. After his return he devoted himself almost exclusively to agricultural pursuits, up to the time of his retirement from active life, and his fine farm of 300 acres in Elyria township is now carried on by his sons, Horace and Norman.

On October 31, 1835, Mr. Abbe was united in marriage with Miss Betsy Wilcox, a native of Cornwall, Conn., born March 21, 1807, but a resident of Elyria, Ohio, at the time of her marriage. A record of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Abbe is as follows: Mary D. (Mrs. John H. Taylor, of Ridgeville) was born April 3, 1837; Horace, born November 24, 1840, was married February 16, 1870, to Mary A. Aston, and they have four children: H. Nelson, Norah D., Eula B. and Jane A.; Norman, born March 19, 1842, was married October 15, 1868, to Mabel A. Taylor, of Perkins township, Erie Co., Ohio (they live on the homestead); George was born September 30, 1843, and John on December 30, 1845. In his political preferences the subject of this sketch is an old-school Democrat.

NORMAN ABBE, the well-known stockman and farmer, received a liberal education at the schools of Elyria, and was reared on his father's farm, which he and his brother Horace operate, and where they are engaged in the breeding of fine cattle, in addition to carrying on general agriculture. Politically Mr. Abbe is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Disciple Church.

JOSEPH BALDAUF, one of the foremost among the German residents of Russia township, was born December 23, 1843, in Bavaria, Germany. His father, also named Joseph, died when our subject was three years of age, and the mother afterward married Joseph Haller. In 1852 the family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Haller, two sons and five daughters, immigrated to America, sailing from Bremen and landing in New York after an ocean voyage of four weeks. From New York they came westward, by canal and lake to Cleveland, Ohio, thence to Avon township, Lorain county, where Mr. Haller bought twenty-five acres of land.

Joseph Baldauf had attended school in his native country, but after their emigration to the United States received no educational advantages whatever, though at that time he was but eight years of age. He was put to work, giving such assistance on the farm as he was able, and

when fifteen years old started out in life for his own account. For two years he was employed by George Bryant, of Amherst township, then going to Oberlin hired out as a farm hand in Russia township, receiving twenty dollars a month for three years. On November 22, 1864, he married Theresa Schmidt, a native of Grafton township, Lorain county, daughter of Jacob Schmidt, and after his marriage bought a farm of fifty acres, the "Schmidt Homestead," where he has since resided. In 1878 he erected his pleasant residence, and has made many other improvements on the place, increasing the area of the farm until he now has 180 acres of choice arable land.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldauf are the parents of the following named children: Margaret (wife of Joseph Klinkshirn, a farmer of Avon township), Anna (wife of Anton Klinkshirn, of Avon township), John (a farmer), Catherine, Frank, Willie, Mary, Charley, Elizabeth and Theresa, all living. Mr. Baldauf has been an energetic, industrious farmer, economical from boyhood, and, though starting in life with nothing, he has amassed a comfortable competence. Though having few opportunities for an education, he has, by observation and study, acquired a very fair store of practical knowledge, and is possessed of sound judgment and good common sense. Politically he is a lifelong Democrat, and in religion he is a member of the Catholic Church at Elyria. During the summer of 1893 Mr. Baldauf paid a visit to the World's Fair, Chicago.

LEWIS WISE, a typical self-made man, and one of the most prosperous farmers in Grafton township, was born January 30, 1850, in Wittenberg, Prussia, a son of Peter Wise, who was born November 7, 1810, also in Wittenberg, and married a native of that city in the person of Miss Louisa Miller.

In 1854 the family, consisting of father, mother and six children—Louisa, Fredericka, Henry, Lewis, Frederick and Crist—set sail from Havre, France, for the United States, and after a voyage of twenty-one days landed at New York, toward the latter part of December. From that port they came west to Liverpool, Medina Co., Ohio, traveling by rail to Cleveland, from which point Peter's brother brought them by wagon to Liverpool township, Medina county, where they arrived on Christmas Day. In Germany Peter Wise had been well-to-do, but through going security for a friend, who afterward failed in business, he lost over two thousand dollars. In Liverpool township, Medina county, he rented a farm for a short time, and then removed to Columbia township, Lorain county, later coming to Grafton township, same county, where he bought fifty acres of wild land on credit, and here lived seven years, at the end of which time he moved to the farm whereon he died August 8, 1886; his wife had passed away June 19, 1883, and both are interred in Belden cemetery. In Ohio the family was increased by three children, as follows: Hannah J., born September 11, 1857; Catherine S., born September 12, 1859, and Jacob J., born July 24, 1864. The parents were hard-working, industrious people accumulating a comfortable competence, and they were honored and respected by all.

Lewis Wise, the subject proper of this sketch, was four years old when the family came from Germany to America. In course of time he and his brother Henry purchased land, going in debt nine thousand six hundred dollars for it, and the predictions of many were that "the Wise boys would fail." But these ominous words were not fated to come true, for the "Wise boys" did not fail; on the contrary, they succeeded, by dint of hard work and judicious economy, in paying off every dollar of their indebtedness. At the end of fifteen years (in 1886) the brothers ef-

fected an amicable division of the property, each one settling on his own share. Our subject has an excellent piece of land and a comfortable residence, surrounded with commodious outbuildings, including a very fine barn, and everything pertaining to a well-regulated farm.

On January 6, 1874, Mr. Wise was united in marriage at Liverpool, Ohio, by Rev. Scheliha, with Miss Catherine M. Law, who was born November 29, 1854, in Grafton township, Lorain county, daughter of Jacob Law. The children born to them were as follows: George H., born November 27, 1874; Clara L., born September 19, 1876, deceased December 11, 1876; Charles W., born October 26, 1877; Herman J. P., born July 29, 1886; Louisa A., born March 21, 1884, deceased July 13, 1886; Eddie J., born October 6, 1888; and Arthur L., born April 23, 1893. Politically Mr. Wise is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he has been trustee for over ten years.

JEROME MANVILLE, a well-known member of the agricultural community of LaGrange township, was born May 28, 1823, in Jefferson county, New York.

His father, Henry Manville, was one of a large family of children born to David Manville, who removed from Meriden, Conn., to Jefferson county, N. Y. Henry Manville, who was a farmer, married Miss Matilda Wait, and they had seven sons and one daughter, as follows: Henry W., of Crawford county, Penn.; George C., of Amboy, Ashtabula Co., Ohio; a son that died in infancy unnamed; Hiram D., of Minnesota; Jerome, subject of this sketch; Milton, a farmer of Crawford county, Penn.; Chester C., of Elyria, Ohio; and Mary M., deceased in Michigan, who first married David Ambrose, and later Myron Bronson. Mr. Manville built a sawmill on his farm (which was a good one), and just had his business in good running order, when he died, on February 23, 1833, aged thirty-six years. After the father's decease the family became scattered, and the widow was married in LaGrange, Ohio, to R. Humphrey, moving to Crawford county, Penn. By this union she had three children, viz.: James R., of Kansas; a daughter that died in infancy, and Orson, of Cleveland, Ohio. The mother died July 3, 1866, and was buried in Center cemetery.

Jerome Manville attended the common schools until ten years of age, when his father died, and he was obliged to leave home and live among strangers and relatives, like the rest of the family. He spent his first season with one Rotiers, a farm agent, and then made his home for a time with Nathan P. Johnson, who moved to Ohio. Our subject next resided with Dorastus Waite, and in February, 1835, came with him to Ohio, walking the greater part of the way. After his arrival here he went to live with his former employer, Nathan P. Johnson, with whom he remained till he was nearly twenty-one years of age, working hard and saving his earnings. On October 20, 1847, he was united in marriage with Miss Cynthia M. Merriam, who was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., daughter of Sylvester and Cynthia (Johnson) Merriam, who settled in LaGrange township, Lorain Co., Ohio, prior to 1830. After his marriage our subject rented the farm of his father-in-law, and made his home thereon until 1849, when he purchased his present place, then comprising forty acres, which he has since increased to 110 acres.

To Jerome and Cynthia M. Manville were born children as follows: Charles D., born July 16, 1848, at one time a telegraph operator in the employ of the "Big Four" Railway, who died at the age of thirty-eight years; and Adelbert B., born May 9, 1853, Frederick E., born January

31, 1855, Rector J., born November 19, 1857, and Jennie M., born January 5, 1862, all four deceased when young. The mother of these died November 30, 1890, and was buried in Center cemetery, and on March 29, 1892, Mr. Manville married Miss Mary J. Thickstun, a native of Crawford county, Penn., daughter of William and Rachel (Freeman) Thickstun.

Mr. Manville has also two houses and lots and four vacant lots in LaGrange village. Since residing on his present place he has made many improvements thereon. In spite of his lack of educational advantages in early life, he has acquired a good practical business training, and this, combined with good judgment and common sense, has brought him success. He is a man of much natural intelligence and ability. In political connection he is a stanch Republican. He is a member of the M. E. Church, in which he holds the office of steward; Mrs. Manville is a member of the Baptist Church, and is a Prohibitionist.

JACOB P. BRECKENRIDGE, more familiarly known by his many friends as "Jake Breckenridge," a name as widely known as his many kind acts and hospitable deeds are, deserves more than a passing notice in this Commemorative Record.

He is a native of the State of New York, born April 3, 1827, in Morristown, St. Lawrence county, a son of Justin and Elizabeth K. (Pohlman) Breckenridge, the latter of whom was born in Lower Canada (now Province of Quebec) in August, 1803, of German parents. Justin Breckenridge was born in Bennington, Vt., July 30, 1798, a son of Daniel Breckenridge, who in his family of children had five sons—Norman, Lewis, Justin, Daniel and James—three of whom, Norman, Lewis and Justin, came to Lorain county, locating in Camden township.

Justin Breckenridge was reared to farm life, but he was a natural mechanic, doing all kinds of carpenter work, including the building of barns, etc., though he never learned the trade. While living in New York State eight children were born to this old pioneer and his wife: Daniel, deceased in Grafton township; Jacob P., subject of this memoir; Cecilia, who married Frank Marlatt, died in Michigan; Lewis, an attorney of Elyria, Ohio, who died in Cleveland, where he was superintendent of the library for some time; Narcissa, wife of James Golden, residing in Santa Barbara, Cal.; Benjamin, who died in Minnesota; John, a wholesale merchant and well-to-do citizen of Baltimore, Md. (he was a lieutenant in the Civil war); and Hannah, Mrs. William Durand, of Oberlin, Ohio. In 1841 the family came to Ohio, the trip from Ogdensburg (N. Y.) to Cleveland being made by boat, and from there they proceeded by road to Camden township, Lorain county, making a stay at the home of one of Justin's brothers. Soon afterward the father purchased a farm in Pittsfield township, but after a two months' residence there he removed to Grafton township, settling about half a mile south of Rawsonville. One child was born to him in Lorain county, named Eleanor S., now Mrs. Henry H. Hitchcock, of Grafton township. Justin Breckenridge died January 30, 1874, his wife in 1871, and they sleep their last sleep in Nesbit cemetery. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he was a Republican, originally a Whig, and one of the precinct voting places in the fall of 1840, for the election of W. H. Harrison, was at his house in New York State. He was a hard-working man, strong and muscular, and possessed of wonderful endurance.

The subject proper of our sketch received a liberal education at the subscription schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth, and early in life was inducted into the mysteries of agricultural pursuits. At the age of thirteen years he

came to Ohio, and the rest of his boyhood and his youth were passed in the then wilds of Grafton township, Lorain county, which he materially assisted in clearing and subduing to a condition of fertility. Until 1844 he continued to live with his parents, and then moved to his present farm, which at that time was covered with heavy timber and undergrowth, which he at once set to work to clear. He has cut logs on this farm six feet in diameter at the butt, and fifty-four feet eight inches in length, to the first limb, when the diameter was thirty-nine inches. On February 22, 1853, Mr. Breckenridge was married to Fanny Woodmansee, who bore him three children: A daughter that died in infancy; Lucy, now Mrs. Mathews, of Albion, Mich.; and Charles, a farmer of Grafton township, Lorain county. Mr. Breckenridge was divorced from this wife, and he subsequently married Mrs. Lucinda (Darwin) Blanchard, a widow lady of LaGrange township, Lorain county. Politically our subject is an out-and-out Republican, and he says that as a reader for many years of the Cleveland *Leader* and Elyria *Republican* he is thoroughly convinced that his political leanings are in the right channel.

HERBERT CHAPIN, a representative wide-awake native-born agriculturist of Lorain county, first saw the light of day in North Amherst, February 25, 1854.

He is a son of A. and Julia (Broughton) Chapin, the former a native of Massachusetts, born in 1816, the latter of Carlisle township, Lorain Co., Ohio, born in 1831. The father came to Lorain county in 1835, and in 1851 married Julia Broughton, who bore him children as follows: Emma; Herbert; Charles; Anna, wife of Frank Starr, of Camden township, Lorain county; Mary, at home; and William, attending college at Oberlin. The father of this family was a tanner by trade, which he followed for some years in North Amherst, and then removed to Brownhelm township where he is yet living with his son Herbert. His wife died in 1886. Aaron Chapin, grandfather of our subject, came to Lorain county in an early day, and died here; grandfather Broughton was also an early settler of this county.

Herbert Chapin since four years of age has lived in Brownhelm township, where he received his education and was inducted into the mysteries of the farm. He is one of the active young men of his township, and takes a lively interest in all matters pertaining to the advancement and prosperity of the county, advocating good schools, good roads and all else tending to public improvement. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, and a member of the Farmers' Alliance. Mr. Chapin is owner of a snug farm of seventy-five acres, all under fine cultivation.

WILLIAM BACON is one of the earliest born citizens of Lorain county, having first seen the light in 1819, in Brownhelm township, on the farm whereon he now lives, located between Brownhelm postoffice and Bacon's mills, on the Vermillion river.

He is a son of Benjamin Bacon, a native of Massachusetts, born in Old Stockbridge, whence in 1818 he came to Ohio, locating in Brownhelm township, Lorain county, and making a settlement where the subject of this sketch now lives, having bought wild land from one Henry Brown. In 1820 he erected a mill at what is known as "Mill Hollow," on the Vermillion river, and about 1835 increased its capacity from one set of burrs to two sets. Ten years later he equipped it with modern improvements. He was three times married, first time to Ruth Gifford, who was born in Lee, Mass., in 1797, and died in 1819. By this union there were two chil-

dren: William, and Mary C., wife of J. A. Perry. For his second wife Benjamin Bacon married Lydia Atwater, and two children—Lydia and Samuel—were born to them. For his third wife he wedded Miss Anna W. Graham, a native of West Hartford, Conn., and they had three children: T. H., Julia and Sarah. The father passed away in 1868 at the age of seventy-nine years.

William Bacon, the subject proper of this memoir, received such education as was obtainable at the subscription schools of the primitive days of his boyhood. In 1841 he was married to Miss Mary Cooper, and four children were the results of their union, as follows: (1) William S., married and has three children—Leonard, Ella and Gertrude; (2) Lemuel, now living in Dover, Ohio; (3) Mary R., wife of W. H. Moulten, has one child—Ruth; and (4) Benjamin A., has two children—Lottie E. and Edna L. Mr. Bacon in his political predilections was in his early days an Old-line Henry Clay Whig, and of late years has been a stanch Republican.

LIVA BROWN, a highly respected citizen of Brownhelm township, is a native of New York State, born in Cayuga county, N. Y., December 8, 1830, a son of Daniel and Adaline (Peck) Brown.

The father of our subject was born in New York State, and about 1836 came to Erie county, Ohio, locating in the town of Florence for a time, but later moving to Vermillion, same county, thence to Brownhelm township, Lorain county. In 1851 he moved to Marshall, Mich., where he died in 1886 at the age of seventy-seven years. He was an active politician, voting the straight Democratic ticket. His wife died when thirty-three years old. Five children were born to them, viz.: Mary, widow of James Raney; Liva; Jane, who married A. Thompson, and afterward married Nuten Case (she lives in Marshall, Mich.); Jerry, in Wisconsin; and Sallie, wife of Charles Bodfish, of Vermillion, Ohio. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents of our subject died in New York State.

Liva Brown, whose name appears at the opening of this sketch, was about six years old when his parents brought him to Ohio. He received a fair education at the public schools, and was trained to farming pursuits, but for about thirty-one years devoted his time chiefly to the buying and selling of wool, live stock, etc.; for the past few years, however, he has withdrawn from that work and confined himself to farming, as better suited to his health. In 1851 Mr. Brown married Miss Clarissa Harris, who was born at Berlin, Erie Co., Ohio, February 13, 1832, and four children—one son and three daughters—have been born to them, as follows: (1) Jerry, born December 6, 1851, married October 11, 1882, to Lillie L. Penson (they have four children: Manda S., Liva, Orrin D. and Blanche); (2) Ara, married January 1, 1872, to Wilber Wood, of Brownhelm, Lorain Co., Ohio (two children were born to this union, a daughter, Bertha, born February 20, 1873, and a son, Liva, born in 1875, and died in 1879; Ara Wood died at Cheboygan, Mich., January 25, 1885); (3) Bertha, born May 16, 1859, married May 23, 1880, to John Hull, of Brownhelm, Lorain Co., Ohio, and died June 23, 1880; and (4) Clara, born October 13, 1869. In his political affiliations Mr. Brown is a Democrat.

GA. STURTEVANT, dealer in real estate, in the town of Lorain, is descended, on his father's side, from an old New York Dutch family who originally spelled their name Stuyvesant, of whom Peter Stuyvesant, the last Govenor of New Netherland (New York), was

a member. A "Tree" of the family, now in possession of one of them, shows their lineage back over six hundred years.

Asher Sturtevant, grandfather of subject, was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., and married an Englishwoman who lived to be one hundred and five years old. Our subject's paternal great-grandmother was a full-blooded French woman, while on his mother's side he comes of Welsh and English ancestry.

Horace Sturtevant, father of C. A., was born in Delaware county, N. Y., and was there married to Miss Sarah Weeks, his second wife; they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he passed the rest of his days, dying at the age of seventy-one years. He was for many years a farmer, and afterward a watchman for the Standard Oil Company in Cleveland. In 1861 he enlisted in Company B, Seventy-Sixth O. V. I., and was under Gens. Osterhouse and Sherman. Afterward he was transferred to Washington, D. C., and was one of the soldiers who guarded Lincoln after he was shot. He served in the army nearly five years, and then received an honorable discharge. His widow is now aged seventy-two years. They were the parents of five children, all yet living.

C. A. Sturtevant was born in Norwalk, Conn., November 5, 1852, and came west with his parents when seven years old. He received a fair district-school education, and between the ages of fourteen and nineteen had to work hard on his father's farm, for, being the eldest in the family, and his father much disabled through exposure while in the army, a great deal of the duties about the home place devolved on him. When nineteen years old he commenced to work for the Standard Oil Co. in Cleveland—first as timekeeper and then as foreman. On leaving this he learned the trade of plumber, gas and steam fitter; but abandoning this business he took up that of contractor and builder, making a good success, erecting as many as forty-two houses in one year, besides the Gas Works. He then merged into the real-estate business. He came to Lorain in May, 1881, and has been identified with a number of interests since living here.

He was married in 1876, and has five children: Ida, Ada, Ira, Eva and Ora. Politically our subject is a Harrison Republican, and he is a member of the K. of P., I. O. O. F. and A. F. & A. M. He had a half-brother who died in 1862 in Helena, Ark., while a soldier.

BENJAMIN WADSWORTH, the largest landowner among the agriculturists of Lorain county, and a most progressive and enterprising citizen, was born in Becket, Mass., May 16, 1821, a son of Lorin Wadsworth, also a native of Becket, where he was born in 1800.

Benjamin Wadsworth, grandfather of subject, came from the East to Lorain county, Ohio, and took up land in Wellington township, whereon he lived seventy years, and which is yet known as the old family homestead. His son Lorin came west in about the year 1821, and made his first home in Lorain county in the log cabin his father had erected in Wellington township. Here he carried on agriculture till within a short time before his death, which occurred in 1862. He was in politics originally a Whig, later a Republican, and in church affiliation he was a Presbyterian. At the time of his coming to Wellington, now a flourishing city, there were only four or five houses in the place.

The subject of this sketch received a liberal public-school education, and worked on his father's farm till he was twenty-four years old, when he embarked in agricultural pursuits for his own account, his first farm comprising ninety-five acres of wild land, to which he from time to time added until now he is the owner of 1,014

acres, making him the largest landowner in the farming community of the county. For many years he reared, grazed and sold sheep, at one time effecting a sale amounting to four thousand dollars. In May, 1851, he married Miss Maria E. Ames, who was born in Becket, Mass., in 1825, and they have two children, viz.: Elmer, married, and living on one of his father's farms; and Jane, married to Frank J. Eckels, also living on one of the farms. Their family numbers six children, named as follows: Elmer P., Jennie W., Herron Ames, Frank, Jr., Maria and James Starr. In his political predilections Mr. Wadsworth is a strong Republican, originally an Old-line Whig. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and gave four thousand dollars to assist in building their handsome twenty-four-thousand-dollar church in Wellington. For the Civil war he furnished a substitute, paying four hundred and twenty-five dollars for the same, besides helping the cause in many other ways. Though blind, he went to the "World's Fair," and has a very good idea of its wonderful magnitude.

GEORGE CLIFTON. Not in Avon township, nor indeed in all the county of Lorain, is there to be found any citizen, in any sphere of life, who is in the enjoyment of a higher degree of respect than was in his lifetime the gentleman whose name here appears.

Mr. Clifton was born, in 1813, in Northamptonshire, one of the midland counties of England, a son of William Clifton, a native of the same county, where during nearly all his life he was engaged in agricultural pursuits and gardening. William was there married, and children were born to him as follows: William, George, John, Fanny, Elizabeth, Mary, Rosana, and one other daughter whose name is not remembered. The parents died in England.

At about the age of eighteen or twenty George Clifton immigrated to America, and after landing came at once westward to Ohio, making a halt in Avon township, Lorain county. Here he entered the service of Joel Townshend, remaining with him some years, earning the respect and confidence of his employer by his steady habits and plodding industry. Leaving Mr. Townshend, he next found employment on a lake vessel in the capacity of steward, winning during his stay on the ship the utmost confidence of the captain and others, by his characteristic devotion to his duty, and his obliging manner to all alike.

After a residence of a year or two in this country, our subject revisited his native land, where he married Miss Ann Moore, a resident of Northamptonshire. The young couple then set out for their new home in the "Far West," coming direct to Lorain county and to Avon township, in the eastern part of which they made a settlement. Here he took up agriculture, which he followed successfully until retiring from active work. Moving to the present homestead, he here erected large and substantial buildings, and here some of the family are yet living. The children born to George Clifton were one son that died in infancy, and one daughter, Rosana, now Mrs. E. P. Burrill, of Sheffield township. The mother of these dying in 1856, in September, 1857, Mr. Clifton married Miss Bessie, daughter of John Charlton, of Leicestershire, England, by which union there were three children, viz.: Alice and Lena (deceased in infancy) and S. G. (who now conducts the home farm).

Mr. Clifton was a representative self-made man—a pioneer of the truest type—whose courage and perseverance, coupled with sound judgment, judicious economy and untiring industry, aided him in his hard struggle to found a home. "He filled the office of justice of the peace for several terms, was auditor of the county

George Clifton

four years, and was also county commissioner for a term or two, all of which offices he filled with ability and integrity. * * He was withal a great reader, and kept himself thoroughly informed not only on the affairs of this country, but of European countries as well. A stanch Republican, he always gave our Government his hearty support. In the time of the Civil war he was very active in the work of procuring recruits, giving more than any other man in the township toward raising the quota of soldiers, though on account of his age not subject to the draft. On account of his knowledge of law, and also his abilities as a financier, his advice was sought by many who always found him a willing and safe adviser. Much more might be truly said in praise of him, but time forbids. His place is not easily filled." In 1861 he was a member of the board of equalization. Mr. Clifton died February 7, 1883.

NATHANIEL TOMPKINS, a member of one of the early pioneer families of Eaton township, was born in 1829 in Tompkins county, N. Y. His parents, Samuel and Betsy (Tellis) Tompkins, were born in 1805 in Newfield, Tompkins Co., N. Y., and in early pioneer days came thence to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in Eaton township.

Nathaniel Tompkins was about four years of age when he came with his parents to Eaton township, where he was reared and educated. Mr. Tompkins was first married in New York, in 1861, to Mary O. Benedict, who died in Lorain county in 1881, and in 1885 he married, in Eaton township, for his second wife, Miss Esther A. Earl, a native of Lorain county. Mrs. Tompkins is a daughter of Recompense Crowell Earl, who was born March 10, 1799, in Essex county, N. J. In 1813 he moved with his parents to Tompkins county, N. Y., where he lived till 1825, when he married Miss Anna Fauver. In 1836 they came with their five children to Eaton, Lorain Co., Ohio, where in 1828 Mr. Earl had purchased twenty acres of land, on which he resided until his death, which occurred in 1885. Mr. Tompkins rents the twenty acres of land which his father-in-law purchased, now well cultivated and highly improved, where he carries on general farming. In politics he is a Republican. In 1864 he went to Michigan, where he resided for some years.

RICHARD WELLS POMROY, who is prominent in social and Insurance circles, is a native of Bristol, Ontario Co., N. Y., where he was born June 3, 1825, the son of Samuel and Penelope (Allen) Pomroy.

His father was a native of Springfield, Mass., and was a man of remarkable vigor, being ninety-four years old at the time of his death. Mr. Pomroy came of a family remarkable for their longevity, the grandfather and one uncle living to be ninety-four years of age, while two other uncles reached the age of ninety-three and ninety-five respectively.

The subject of our sketch received his education at the Academy at Canandaigua, N. Y. He then taught school for a time, after which he embarked in the mercantile business in his own town, remaining in the same until 1857, in which year he came to Ohio. Here he was engaged in the same business until 1870, when he abandoned that line and took up the Insurance business, to which he has since given his entire attention. He commenced exclusively in Life Insurance, which branch he carried on for three years, since when he has been in Fire Insurance alone, having built up a large business.

Mr. Pomroy was married April 10, 1853, to Miss Annie L. Sisson, daughter

of General Horatio and Clotilda Taylor Sisson, natives of Ontario county, N. Y., and seven children have been born to them, of whom the following is a brief record: Frances L. is the wife of Dr. H. Pomeroy, of Cleveland, Ohio; Grace S. is the wife of Watson E. Boise, clerk of the State Legislature of North Dakota; Mary E. and Alice C. are both teachers; Charles W., the only son, is connected with the Western Automatic Screw Company, of Elyria; Annie M. is a teacher of music in the Conservatory at Grand Forks, North Dakota; and Harriet A.

In politics, Mr. Pomroy was originally a Whig, and, since the formation of the party, has been a stanch Republican.

ETHEW, for over forty years a resident of Columbia township, is a native of New York State, born in Clinton county in 1816, a son of Daniel and Electa (Nichols) Thew, also of that State, who both died in Clinton county. They reared a family of eleven sons (three of whom served in the war of the Rebellion), their names being as follows: Robert, Eleazar, Gilbert, Garret, Henry, Charles, Nathan, John, Josephus, Bethuel and James.

The subject of our sketch received his education at the schools of Clinton county, N. Y., in those early days held in a log cabin with very primitive furnishings. He was thoroughly trained to agricultural pursuits, and has been a lifelong farmer, having now a well-cultivated piece of land of some ninety-five acres in Columbia township. He was married, in 1837, in Clinton county, N. Y., to Miss Mary Calkins, a native thereof, and in 1852 they came to Lorain county, where Mr. Thew bought a partly-improved farm, on which he erected a good residence and barn. Two children, both now deceased, were born to this union, viz.: Cornelia, married to Lemuel Osborne, and Elizabeth. The mother of these died, and in 1872 Mr. Thew wedded Miss Amanda McNichols, a native of Vermont, who came when a child to Medina county, Ohio, where she was reared. Politically Mr. Thew is a Democrat, and served his township as trustee one term.

CHARLES W. SUMNER, a retired school teacher, now a prosperous agriculturist of Eaton township, was born in Medina county, Ohio, in 1854.

Clement Sumner, father of subject, was born in Vermont, and about 1853 came to Medina county, Ohio, where he followed the vocation of a farmer. For some years he had taught school in Ashland and Holmes counties, same State. In Medina county he married Mrs. Almira (Hier) Gardner (widow of Lewis Gardner), a native of Massachusetts, and their only child is the subject of this sketch. They died in Medina county, Ohio, the father in 1873, the mother in 1888. Clement Sumner had been previously married, and his children by that union were Catherine, wife of Edwin Helbert, of Ashland county, Ohio; Phebe, wife of Samuel Mullin, of Jewell county, Kans.; and Solon, married, residing in Cattaraugus county, N. Y. Mrs. Almira (Hier) Sumner by her first husband had five children, as follows: Andrew (married), a farmer of Brunswick, Medina Co., Ohio; Lucas (married), a farmer of Page county, Iowa; Lewis (married), a farmer of Missouri; Lucinda, wife of William Johnson, of Preemption, Mercer Co., Ill.; Julia Ann, wife of Christian Winegar, of Saranac, Ionia Co., Mich. Grandfather Sumner was a native of Vermont, while grandfather Hier was from Germany, in an early day immigrating to Massachusetts, thence moving with an ox-team to Medina county, Ohio, where he died in 1868, being preceded to the grave by his wife.

Charles W. Sumner was reared and educated in his native county, and at the age of twenty years commenced teaching in the same county, continuing three successive terms at the home district school, later in township schools in Eaton and Columbia townships, moving to Eaton township in 1889. In Columbia township he resided some ten years. In 1888 he gave up teaching, and has since applied his attention solely to farming, on his place of ninety acres, which he owns.

In 1878, in Eaton township, Mr. Sumner was married to Miss Mary C. Longbon, a native of the township, daughter of John J. and Ellen (Walker) Longbon, early pioneers of Eaton, where the father died in 1888. To Mr. and Mrs. Sumner were born children as follows: Ellen, Irvin, Mary, Earl (deceased at the age of five years) and Grace (deceased at the age of three). Originality and good judgment are the most prominent characteristics of Mr. Sumner, who is a Republican in his political sympathies, and is a highly-respected citizen.

F. W. PIERCE. The subject of this sketch is now in the prime of life, one among the most active business men in the town of Lorain.

His ancestors were of New England origin. His father, Philemon Pierce, who was a native of the State of New York, married Miss Diantha Hovey, of the same State, and to them were born five children, viz.: George, Ann, Eliza, John and Fred. W. Those sterling characteristics of the New England people Philemon Pierce possessed to a great degree—ingenuity, industry and economy. His trade was that of a carriage builder, which he followed through life. In 1850 he left the place of his birth to seek for himself a home in Ohio, which was then considered the "Far West." Locating in Brunswick, Medina county, he here lived and worked at his trade until his removal to Carlisle, Lorain county, where he resided until his deaths which occurred in 1862.

It was in the year 1855, amid those stirring times just preceding the Civil war, that Fred. W. Pierce was born, on the first day of November. Early bereft of his father, he was required to depend on his own resources for a livelihood. When fifteen years of age he went to Owosso, Mich., where he went to school for two years. With this education, and that other equally important, the knowledge of a good trade, he was well prepared for the practical duties of life. When he came back from Michigan he located, in 1872, in Lorain. His natural inclination leading him into mechanical pursuits, he served an apprenticeship as a regular carriage builder; but not satisfied with this he learned the carpenter's trade. Gradually he discontinued the trade of carriage building, and came to devote his whole time to building and contracting, which has absorbed his whole attention for the last seven years. His skill, industry and integrity have won for him his well-deserved success, which has come during these busy years. The many buildings which he has erected stand as substantial evidence of the work, for which he has no reason to be ashamed. Prominent among these are the school building in South Lorain and the Methodist Episcopal church, the finest building in the city, erected in 1892. Mr. Pierce has the knowledge of how work ought to be done, and the fidelity to see that it is done as the contract defines. While thus occupied, opportunities for some business in real estate were presented, which he has improved to great advantage, so that as a result he has come into the possession of some very valuable property, which in that growing town, with values increasing, will tend to enhance his wealth largely in the future. At times his business assumed large proportions, when he had under his employ twenty men working on public jobs amounting to thousands of dollars.

That which is not the least item of importance is the home which he has been permitted to build and enjoy. The young lady of his choice, Miss Addie Bayless, resided at Kipton, Ohio, and they were united in marriage in Sandusky, Ohio, July 3, 1877. In both toils and successes they have been partners, and thus know how to enjoy the results of their labor and success. The truest independence is to make your own fortune, and enjoy it. The number of Mr. Pierce's family is exactly equal to that of his father, viz.: five. They bear the names: Pearl, Ray, Frank, Clara and Blanche.

Like all wide-awake citizens of this Republic, Mr. Pierce possesses his positive convictions and party affiliations. This seems unavoidable, where politics are in the food, and in the very air we breathe. We grow that way. Or perhaps the well-known law of heredity may account for some of it. His father was identified with that party which had the honor of electing one of the best men who ever occupied the Presidental chair—the party which made the most brilliant history for a quarter of a century. It is unnecessary to say that it was the Republican party which had on its roll such respectable and heroic politicians as Stanton, Chase, Sumner and Abraham Lincoln. Hence we need not be surprised that a son of Philemon Pierce, a Republican, should likewise be a Republican. Mr. Pierce is thus a well-established and fixed quantity in the city of Lorain. It is no small honor which belongs to him, for he enjoys the confidence of its people. In obedience to their call he is serving them on the board of councilmen. They know that such a trust will be held in his hands with safety. One of the most useful and beneficial Orders of Lorain, in a business line, is that of the K. O. T. M., and there are many widows and orphans in the town to bear witness to its benefits. Mr. F. W. Pierce was the twenty-fifth charter member of the Lorain Lodge of this Order.

Truly the outlook for Mr. Pierce is encouraging. Yet but a young man, he occupies a good position among his fellows; he stands on the advantage ground of his past achievements, and certainly has much to hope for, and look forward to, in the years to come. No doubt with the same careful and industrious course in the future, Time will dispense his gifts with equal generosity.

DEACON JOHN SEWARD CASE, one of the oldest citizens of Wellington township, is a native of Connecticut, having been born in the town of Granby, Hartford county, July 11, 1808.

He is a son of Dr. Gideon Case, who was born in Canton, Conn., and who became an eminent physician and surgeon, educated probably in Simsbury, that State. He practiced in his native State until he came to Ohio, in 1818, when he resumed practice in Hudson, Portage county. He was killed by the kick of a horse, about the year 1822. His entire journey from Connecticut to Ohio was made in a three-horse wagon. He married Miss Persis Seward, a native of Granville, Mass. (and daughter of Capt. John Seward, of Revolutionary fame), who died at the age of eighty-six years. Seven children were born to them, of which the following is a brief record: John Seward is the subject proper of this sketch; Gideon W. resides near Nauvoo, Ill.; Otis P. resides in Aurora, Portage county, on the old Grandfather Seward homestead; Jane married Mr. Nix, and died in Portage county, Ohio; Lucia married Mr. Demming, of Rootstown, Portage Co., Ohio (she is now deceased); Albert died in Michigan a year or two ago; Dr. Almon Case was a member of the State Legislature of Tennessee in the period of the Civil war, during which time he was killed by bushwhackers, it is presumed on account of his anti-

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slavery views. The mother married, for her second husband, Arial Case (no relative of her first husband), and they afterward lived in Rootstown, Portage Co., Ohio, where two sons were born to them.

The subject of this sketch was, as will be seen, ten years old when his parents came to Portage county, Ohio. After his school days he commenced learning the trade of tanner and currier, finishing the same at Kent, Portage county. In November, 1829, he came to Lorain county, and commenced the tanning business, in 1830, in the town of Wellington, opposite where the ice house now stands, and successfully operated the same until some twelve or fifteen years ago, when he retired from business. He taught school during the winter of 1829–30 in an old log house, where Mallory's store now stands, which cabin was also used as a church at the same time. Shortly after his arrival he became associated with the Congregational Church, in which he has been a deacon since 1846, and to which he has contributed liberally of his means, as well as to all charitable institutions. Mr. Case has been twice married: First time in October, 1832, to Miss Diantha Blair, a daughter of James Blair, of Massachusetts, and sister to the mother of Gov. Fairchild, of Wisconsin. The record of the children of this union is as follows: (1) Celia is the wife of Mr. Stewart, and lives in Romney, Tippecanoe Co., Ind.; she taught school for many years in Tennessee, and in Romney. (2) Helen married Mr. Luther Miller, of Cedar Hill, Ohio, but nearly all of her married life was spent in Romney, Ind., where she was buried in 18—; she was the mother of three children: Mary, now Mrs. U. Z. Moore, of Columbus; Frank Case, a recent graduate of the Ohio State University, and a civil engineer in Columbus; and Cassius, named after Gen. Cassius Fairchild, of Wisconsin, a farmer of Cedar Hill, Ohio. (3) Col. Frank S. (now deceased) was an officer in the Second Ohio Cavalry during the Civil war, being captain of a company, and was shot through the lungs; after the war he was colonel in the Seventh Ohio State Guards, and on Gov. Foster's staff; he was present at Garfield's inauguration at Washington, D. C., and his was the largest regiment out at the funeral of that President in Cleveland. He was born December 21, 1838, received his education at Wellington and Oberlin. He was a good stump speaker, and was chairman of the Republican committee of Logan county. He died August 9, 1887, from wounds received in battle. At the time of his death he was treasurer of Logan county, Ohio. His widow, formerly Miss Clara Burr, of Brighton, to whom he was married in 1864 while home on leave of absence, now resides in Bellefontaine. (4) Emma married Rev. Charles E. Manchester, D. D., pastor of the Broadway M. E. Church, Cleveland, Ohio; they have children as follows: William C. (twenty-one years of age) and Frank S. (aged seventeen). The mother of this family was born, in 1807, in Blandford, Mass., and died October 19, 1848. For his second wife Mr. Case married Miss Lucinda A. Ely, of Elyria, who was born December 25, 1819, in Deerfield, Ohio, and died January 24, 1893. To this union there were two children, both of whom died young—one in infancy, the other, Mary, at the age of six years. In his political preferences Deacon Case is a stanch Republican, originally an Old-line Whig, his first vote being cast for John Quincy Adams.

ADAM KOLBE, a prominent farmer of Black River township, was born near Hersfeld, Germany, August 18, 1848.

He is a son of Henry W. and Elizabeth Kolbe, who were the parents of nine children, named as follows: Eliza (Mrs. Spiegelberg), Henrietta (Mrs. Bech-

stein), Christina (Mrs. Smithkons), Adam (subject of sketch), Henry, Catharine (Mrs. Holstein), Mary (Mrs. Neiding), Emma (Mrs. Bechtel) and William. In 1856 the family came to the United States, first locating in the, then, village of Lorain, Lorain Co., Ohio, afterward, in 1867, settling on a farm in Black River township, same county, where the parents followed agricultural pursuits till advanced age compelled them to retire from active life. The father died October 8, 1893; the mother, now in her seventy-seventh year, is living with her son Adam on the farm in Black River township. She is a member of the Evangelical Association, as was also her husband.

Adam Kolbe received a liberal education at the public schools, and was reared to agricultural pursuits on his father's farm. In 1873 he married Miss Caroline Faber, who died in May, 1891, leaving one child, a son named Lawrence A. Mr. Kolbe has remained on a farm ever since, and in the town of Lorain, in the same county, he engaged in the fishery business for about four years, as a member of the firm of Kolbe Bros. & Co., in which he was financially successful. In 1889 he withdrew from the firm, and has since been living on the farm in Black River township. In religious faith Mr. Kolbe is a member of the Evangelical Church; socially he is a member of Lorain Lodge, Knights of the Maccabees; politically he is a Republican.

E. L. BURGE, an enterprising progressive citizen of Oberlin, was born in September, 1837, in Orange township, Ashland Co., Ohio, where he passed his early life.

His father, John Y. Burge, was a native of Pennsylvania, and in an early day came to Richland (now Ashland) county, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his days. He was a cooper by trade. He married Mary Lowry, a native of Virginia, and they became the parents of twelve children, six of whom are still living, namely: Benjamin, a farmer of Greenwich, Huron Co., Ohio; John Y., a farmer of Brighton township, Lorain county; E. C., also farming in Brighton township; Rachel, a resident of Ashland, Ohio; Sarah, wife of John Goldsmith, of Richland county, Ohio; and E. L. The father of this family died in 1841, the mother in 1878.

E. L. Burge received his education in the district schools of his native county, and in 1859 came to Lorain county, which has since been his home. He followed farming for a few years in Brighton township, and in August, 1861, enlisted, at Wellington, Ohio, in Company H, Second Ohio Cavalry, for three years. He was mustered in at Cleveland, and served for a while on the frontier, in January, 1862, being stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., and later at Ft. Scott. He participated in the battles of Pea Ridge and Diamond Grove, was next in Kentucky, and afterward took part in the Morgan raid at Knoxville, Tenn. In 1864 he veteranized, at Mossy Creek, Tenn., in the same company and regiment, and was subsequently in the engagements of the Wilderness and Cedar Creek, also serving under General Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Burge took part in the Grand Review at Washington, thence going to Springfield, Mo., and on September 20, 1865, he was honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio. He returned to Brighton township, Lorain county, where he remained until 1882, since which time he has been a resident of Oberlin.

On March 8, 1864, Mr. Burge was married to Miss Harriet J. Tucker, a native of Camden township, Lorain county, daughter of Matthew and Rosanna (Martin) Tucker, early pioneers of the county; the father died in 1878; his widow is now residing in Pittsfield, Lorain county. To Mr. and Mrs. Burge was born one daughter, May B., who graduated from Oberlin

College in the class of 1891; she is now principal of a school at Delta, Ohio. Mr. Burge is actively interested in politics, and supports the principles of the Republican party; he has been delegate to various conventions, served one term as deputy sheriff of Lorain county, and in 1889 was elected city marshal of Oberlin, a position he still occupies. Socially he is a member of Henry Lincoln Post No. 564, G. A. R., and in religion he and his wife are members of the Second Congregational Church of Oberlin.

ROWELL CALVIN ADAMS, dealer in agricultural implements, seeds of all kinds, fertilizers, etc., Wellington, is a native of Wellington township, born February 1, 1838, of an old Connecticut family.

He is a son of Calvin and Eunice (Smith) Adams, the former of whom was a native of the "Nutmeg State," whence prior to his marriage he came west to Ohio, settling on a farm in Wellington township, Lorain county, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits till a short time before his death, which occurred in 1864. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Eunice (Smith), he had five children, namely: Edwin, deceased in childhood; Fayette, who died when young; Marcia, now the widow of R. F. Jones, of Wellington, Ohio; Rowell Calvin, and Lois, who died, unmarried, in 1879.

The subject of this biographical sketch received a liberal education at district school No. 4, Wellington township, attending a few winter terms, the remainder of the year being occupied on his father's farm, where he continued to reside till 1865, in which year he removed to Huntington township, and here bought a farm of 113 acres prime land, where, until about 1882, he carried on general farming, including dairying, buying and selling stock, etc. In that year he came to Wellington, after a time opening out his present prosperous business. On September 29, 1859, he was married to Miss Melva A. Whiting, born in Pittsfield township, Lorain county, October 15, 1840, and four children have come to this union: Rosa M., wife of Delmer I. Beckley; Mrs. E. L. Wilcox; Grace M., and Leon R. Politically Mr. Adams is a lifelong Republican, and two years ago he united with the Prohibitionists. He is not identified with any particular church; his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Society. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted three times, but on each occasion he was rejected on account of physical disability caused by an accident he met with when fourteen years old, whereby his leg was broken, and he has been slightly crippled ever since. He is doing an excellent business, thoroughly understanding the wants of the community in his line of trade.

FRANCIS N. ELDRED is one of the enterprising native-born agriculturists of Elyria township, where in 1850 he first saw the light.

He is a son of Noah and Harmony (Redington) Eldred, the former of whom was born in the State of New York, whence, in company with his father, Moses Eldred, he came to Ohio in 1811, settling in Ridgeville township, Lorain county. Grandfather Eldred was a soldier in the Revolution; by occupation he was a farmer, and he also kept a tavern in Ridgeville township; he died in Elyria, his wife in Ridgeville. Noah Eldred, father of subject, received a limited education at the subscription schools of Ridgeville township. In Amherst township he married Harmony Redington; then settled on the farm now owned by our subject, and here he died in 1882, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1854.

The subject of this memoir was educated in the schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, which have been his life-work. He has a neat, compact farm of eighty-two acres devoted to general farming. In 1876 he was married in Elyria township to Miss Nettie Cochran, a native of same, and daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Thompson) Cochran, pioneers of Lorain county from Vermont. Six children, named as follows, have been born to this union, Ray, Nina, Irwin, Alta, Lewis and Orlo. In his political associations our subject is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the M. E. Church.

R. E. JUMP has been a resident of Oberlin for the past thirty-five years, having established himself in the town in 1858, for the purpose of study in Oberlin College.

Mr. Jump was born in Westchester county, N. Y., in 1832, a son of Ira and Sarah (Dan) Jump, natives of New York, who in 1835 moved to Norwalk, Huron Co., Ohio, and from there, about 1843, to Vermillion, Erie Co., Ohio, where both died at a ripe old age. Ira Jump was a basket maker, and his son, R. E., was brought up to that trade, which he followed for some time in Oberlin. Mr. Jump received his education at the common schools in Erie county, and in the Preparatory Department of Oberlin College. Failing health prevented him from continuing his studies. He taught several terms in the schools of Erie county, Ohio, and in Indiana. In 1863 he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth O. V. I., for three years or during the war, serving under Gen. Hooker, on Johnson's Island and Cedar Point, guarding and exchanging prisoners at Fortress Monroe and other points, and on detached duty at Toledo, on service as provost-guard, and in recruiting service. Mr. Jump was honorably discharged from the service at Camp Chase, in July, 1865.

In 1852 Mr. Jump was married to Miss Julia Chapin, a native of New York, but reared and educated in North Amherst, Ohio, and to this union one son was born, C. Ellis Jump.

Mr. Jump in politics is a Republican, having cast his first vote for Fremont in 1856, and voted with that party since. He is a member of Henry Lincoln Post, No. 364, G. A. R., in which he has held the rank of surgeon and junior vice-commander. During the past fifteen years, in his leisure time, he has done considerable taxidermist work, and has now a very fine collection of stuffed animals and birds. He is practically interested in agriculture, being the owner of thirty acres of well-improved land, half of which lies within the corporate limits of Oberlin. He also takes a lively interest in bee and small fruit culture. He was engaged in the Oberlin and Wellington Rescue case.

MRS. JULIA CHAPIN JUMP, M. D., was born in Oneida county, N. Y., in 1832, the second child of John and Eliza (Clark) Chapin, natives of New England, who removed to Brownhelm, Ohio, in 1836, and from there to North Amherst, Ohio, in 1839. [See the following sketch of John Chapin.]

Dr. Jump received her early education in the common schools of North Amherst, Ohio. At the age of seventeen she began to teach. This profession she followed thirty years. For the first two or three terms she taught for one dollar a week and "boarded round." In 1852 she married R. E. Jump, of Erie county, Ohio. They had one son, C. Ellis Jump. In 1858 they removed to Oberlin, for the purpose of securing a liberal education. During the last three years of her couse of study Dr. Jump taught in the Academy. After six years of study, she graduated from Oberlin College, Lit. in 1865. She then taught seventeen consecutive years, nearly five in

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the Grammar School of Oberlin, and over twelve years in the Public Schools of Cleveland. She then began the study of medicine in The Cleveland Homeopathic Hospital College, from which she graduated in 1884, since which time she has been practicing medicine in Oberlin.

The honorary degree of A. M. was conferred on her by Oberlin College, in 1891, and that of F. H. S. by the Medical College from which she received her diploma. She is a member of the board of Censors of the Cleveland Homeopathic Hospital College; a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, The Ohio State Homeopathic Society, and The Lorain County Homeopathic Society. Dr. Jump is a member of the First Congregational Church, and of the W. R. C. of Oberlin, Ohio.

JOHN CHAPIN was born in Sheffield, Berkshire Co., Mass., in 1804. At the age of eighteen he was apprenticed to a Mr. Catlin, of the adjoining town of New Marlboro, to learn the trade of tanner and currier.

In 1827 he was married to Miss Eliza Clark, a native of Norwich, Conn., though reared in New Marlboro. They had five daughters and two sons. In 1836 Mr. Chapin moved to Ohio, then the "Far West," and located in Brownhelm. In 1839 he removed to North Amherst, where he spent the rest of his life. Mr. Chapin and his wife united with a few others to organize a Presbyterian Church in North Amherst, and Mr. Chapin was elected deacon, an office which he held till his death in 1852. Deacon Chapin was a man of strong convictions, a thorough temperance man, and an Old-line Whig. He was strongly anti-slavery in his views and took the ground before his death, which became the platform of the Free-Soil party in 1856.

The Deacon was a strong, well-built man, and was considered very desirable help at the raising of buildings in those days. Whiskey was usually served freely, and at the first important "raising" to which he was invited the men were nearly all under the influence of whiskey before the work was half done. Deacon Chapin and a Mr. Rose were the only total abstainers in the party. On raising a heavy "bent" of the frame the men allowed their pikes to slip, and the bent fell, crushing Mr. Rose under the heavy timbers. His back was broken, and though he lived many years, he was a cripple. When the men were sober, Deacon Chapin urged them to give up the use of strong drink, citing the accident to Mr. Rose to give weight to his arguments. Soon after this the Deacon prepared to build a large tannery. The timbers were very heavy, and the building was two stories on one side and three on the other. While the timbers were being prepared there was another raising—a small barn. Three brothers owned the property. They always drank freely at raisings, but decided from motives of economy to furnish no whiskey for their own raising. When the men who had been invited to assist arrived, some of them called for whiskey before beginning work. When told that none would be furnished, the men said the timbers might rot before they would touch them without whiskey. The whiskey was sent for at once, and the frame went up. People who knew Deacon Chapin's strong temperance principles, and that he never tasted whiskey, wondered what he would do at his raising. In those early days the raising of such a building was quite an event. The builder in charge one day asked the Deacon if he should furnish whiskey for the raising. On receiving a reply in the negative, he said he would not be responsible then for the raising of it, as it could not be raised without liquor. The Deacon then replied that the raising would be "a cold-water raising" or none. Many friends in the adjoining town of Brownhelm sympathized with Deacon Chapin in his temperance prin-

ciples, and sent him a message saying that if the Amherst people failed him, they would come to his aid. When the time for the raising drew near, the Deacon started on his round of invitations. Nearly every man invited asked if he would have whiskey, and on receiving a negative reply, answered: "Then I will not come." As every one declined the invitation, the Deacon invited every available man in the village and the adjacent country. Mrs. Chapin prepared for the entertainment of the men by brewing a barrel of root beer, and the brick oven was kept full of good things —bread, biscuits, cakes of all kinds, pies, puddings, chicken pies and pork and beans. Roast meats of all available kinds were prepared in abundance. The day set for the raising dawned bright and still. At an early hour the invited men began to arrive singly or in small parties until every man who had been invited put in an appearance. With much joking about a "cold-water raising" they set to work with hearty good will. The small or root beer was passed in pails, and one man told the Deacon that he had a chunk of ice as big as his fist in his throat from drinking the beer, and he wanted something to thaw it out. When the bents had all been raised, and were supposed to be securely fastened in place, several men went to the top to fasten the large wooden plates to the bents to bind them in position and to support the rafters. Deacon Chapin and Staunton Merriman, a carpenter, were on the bent on the east side of the building, which was three stories high. The ground on that side was covered with broken stone, the refuse from dressing the stone for the foundation. Soon after they reached the top the bent began to sway with them, but the men on the ground were all sober, and, rallying with their pikes, held the heavy timbers in position till they were securely fastened. All knew that the fall of the bent would be certain death to the men. When the work was completed the Deacon said: "Come down to the house now and we will have something to thaw the ice out of your throats." Mrs. Chapin was a good cook, and her heart was in her work. Long tables were loaded with every good thing which she could devise, and with tea and coffee in abundance. Many of the men said to the Deacon: "If this is what you call a cold-water raising, I would like to go to one every day." They said they came because they knew he was acting from principle, that although he was one of the best workers always at a raising he never drank whiskey. Deacon Chapin died in 1852 of typhoid fever; Mrs. Chapin lived to be eighty-six years old.

The family was well represented in the war of the Rebellion. John Clark Chapin, the youngest son of Deacon Chapin, enlisted in the Forty-first O. V. I., at the organization of the regiment, for three years; reenlisted with the regiment, was engaged in all the battles in which the regiment fought except Chickamauga, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. Two sons-in-law, J. J. Pillen (the husband of the eldest daughter, Eunice), and R. E. Jump (who married the second daughter, Julia), were also in the Union army, and were honorably discharged at the close of the war.

GEORGE L. SEARS, florist and manufacturer of pottery, Elyria, is a native of Massachusetts, born in New Lenox, March 8, 1854, a son of L. L. Sears, a prominent agriculturist of Elyria township.

In 1861 the family came to Ohio, and for a time located in Medina county, then in 1867 settling in Lorain county, on a farm within the corporate limits of Elyria. Our subject has since resided in Elyria, and in 1881 he commenced business as a florist, in which vocation he has risen, by industry and good management, to considerable prominence. He now owns seven large greenhouses, and ships all kinds of

flower germs to every part of the United States. He makes a specialty of wedding and funeral decorations, his taste in designs being considered "nulli secundus." Having concluded to manufacture his own flower-pots, of which his extensive business demands a vast number, he opened up a pottery, and he now makes from 18,000 to 20,000 flower-pots per week, supplying not only his own requirements, but also markets in Cleveland, Chicago, and all the great cities of the West.

In 1878 Mr. Sears was married to Miss Emma Bradbur, and three children have come to brighten their home, named respectively: Harry, Roy and Grace W. Our subject and wife are members of the Congregational Church, and in politics he is a Republican.

ANSEL JENNE, for over half a century a resident of Lorain county, and one of the best known and most prosperous agriculturists of Amherst township, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., in 1825.

His father, also named Ansel Jenne, was a native of New York, where he married Elizabeth Brown, and from there moved to Cayuga county, same State, in 1825. In 1826 he and the family came to Ohio, making their home in Cuyahoga county until 1841, in which year they removed to Lorain county, arriving on March 9, locating on Middle Ridge; but in 1845 they removed to a farm where the parents passed the remainder of their days, the father dying in July, 1872, the mother in August, 1885, at the patriarchal age of ninety-one years. They reared a family of seven children, of whom four are yet living, as follows: Alfred, married and living in Cuyahoga county, Ohio; Ansel, of whom this sketch more specially relates; Bethia, wife of F. A. Griffin, of Elyria township, Lorain county; and John P., married and residing in Amherst township, same county. The deceased are Arad Joy (the eldest in family), born July 9, 1819, died September 5, 1820; Eliza, born April 25, 1827, who was married to Solon McElrath, and died in Lorain county, September 18, 1871; and Annette, born August 27, 1830, died in 1832.

Ansel Jenne, whose name opens this biographical sketch, received his education at the primitive log schoolhouse of the early days of Cuyahoga county, Ohio. At the age of sixteen he came with the rest of the family to Lorain county, and has ever since been a resident of Amherst township, owning now the old homestead, consisting of sixty acres prime land. He and his brother John P. cleared in all some 400 acres in Amherst township.

On December 9, 1859, Mr. Jenne was married, in Amherst township, to Phœbe Wing, a native of Wyoming county, N. Y., daughter of Benjamin and Polly (Wescott) Wing, natives of New York, where the father died in September, 1857. In 1858 the widowed mother came to Lorain county, and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Jenne, for the rest of her days, dying in 1868. Two of her children came to Lorain county besides Mrs. Jenne, viz.: Sterling, who died here in 1874, and Dora, wife of Luman Van Tassel, of Bowling Green, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Jenne were born five children, of whom the following is a brief record: Sarah Ellen married Bird Richmond, and they have one child, Frank Harrison; William Henry is married, resides in Amherst township, Lorain county, and has one child, Blanche; George is married, has his home in Detroit, Mich., and has two children, Willie and Winfield; Frank died at the age of nineteen years; Albert K. is married, resides on the home farm, and has two children, Bertie and Lucile. In politics Mr. Jenne is a Democrat. When he came to Lorain county fifty-two years ago, the now flourishing city of Elyria was but a hamlet consisting of nine cabins, surrounded by dense woods,

wherein roamed the Indian and wild animals innumerable. He has seen in his township the old rickety stage coach relegated into retirement by the palatial cars of the aggressive railroads, and the mail-carrier's weekly or semi-weekly visits metamorphosed into the modern mail of three or four deliveries and collections every day in the week; not to speak of the advent of the magic-like universal telegraph and telephone, which had their birth within comparatively recent years.

EDWIN ROBSON, a representative and prosperous agriculturist of Carlisle township, is a native of Yorkshire, England, born in 1839.

Our subject is a son of Edward and Ann (Tran) Robson, of the same place, who in 1843 came to the United States and made a settlement in Eaton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where they are yet living. They were the parents of a large family, as under: Emma, who married Seth C. Felt, and died in Huron county; Edwin, subject of this sketch; Mary Jane, who died unmarried; James, deceased in childhood; David, deceased when young; Henry, also deceased when young; William, deceased in Grafton township, Lorain county; John, married, residing in Grafton; and Lizzie, wife of Charles Johnson, of Grafton township.

Edwin Robson was, as will be seen, four years old when he came to Lorain county with his parents, and at the common schools of Eaton township he received a liberal education, in the meantime working on his father's farm. He now owns a fine property of 225 acres in a good state of cultivation. On November 14, 1866, he was married, in Oberlin, Russia township, to Miss Ann Johnson, a native of same, daughter of James and Mary (Atkinson) Johnson, who were early pioneers of Lorain county, coming here in 1826; the father died in Elyria in 1888, the mother in Cleveland in 1864. To them children as follows were born: Jane, wife of Leroy Rogers, of Henry county, Ohio; Elizabeth, widow of John Bucher, of Elyria; Thomas, who died during the Civil war, in Lexington, Ky.; Ann, Mrs. Robson; John, a resident of Eaton township; James, deceased at the age of eighteen; George, married, living in Elyria; Mary Ellen, wife of M. A. Pounds, of Elyria; and Mary and William, both deceased in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Robson have been born seven children, to wit: Charles Edmund, James Edward, Adalbert Johnson, Mary Louise, Thomas Putnam, Thaddeus Warren and Leroy Walter. Our subject and wife are members of the M. E. Church at LaPorte. In politics he is a Republican, and has been a member of the school board, of which he is now a director in his district.

HWIGHT, owner of a fertile farm in Eaton township, where he has resided for nearly threescore years, is a native of New York State, born in St. Lawrence county on Christmas Day, 1821.

He is a son of Reuben and Susannah (Van Buren) Wight, the mother a native of New York. The father was born in Oxford, Worcester Co., Mass., and in 1794 moved to Herkimer county, N. Y., with his father, John Wight, who was born November 2, 1752, and married Betsy Robinson, born in 1765, and died in 1858. They had a family of children, of whom the following is a brief record: Uzziah was born in 1781, and died in 1784; Abner died in St. Lawrence county, N. Y.; Jason was born in 1785, died January 20, 1835; Reuben was the father of our subject; Abigail died in New York State in 1849; Betsy died young; John died in New York State in 1863; Alvin, a car-

penter and builder, came to Lorain county, Ohio, in 1835, and died in Ottawa county, Ohio, January 1, 1857; Harvey died in Green county, Wis., in 1876.

Reuben Wight was reared and educated in New York State, and was married in what is now Fulton county, same State, July 14, 1814. In 1834 the family came to Ohio, arriving August 9 in Cleveland, but settling at Rockport, in the same county, where the father died of cholera same year. He served in the war of 1812, and after his death his widow enjoyed a pension. In 1836 the widowed mother, with her children, came to Lorain county, making her final home in Eaton township, where she died April 21, 1882, aged eighty-nine years, having been born in 1793. The following is a record of the children: Leonard was married in Eaton township, Lorain county, and in 1858 moved to Gratiot county, Mich.; Almina is the widow of Daniel Pearce, and resides in Eaton township, Lorain county; William, who became one of the early teachers of Lorain county, married in Eaton township, and died in 1853; Segatia died in Cleveland at the age of eighteen years; the next in order of birth is the subject of this sketch, of whom further mention will presently be made; Adeline C. is the wife of James Duffy, of Charlotte, Eaton Co., Mich.; Julius, a widower, is a resident of Eaton township, Lorain county; Reuben is married, and dwells in LaGrange township, Lorain county; Mary S. is the wife of James W. Fitch, of Milan, Erie Co., Ohio; Ziel, who was an engineer, born August 13, 1832, married, and on November 12, 1892, died in Delaware county, Ohio; Rosella is the widow of John King, of Clark county, Wisconsin.

H. Wight, of whom this sketch more particularly relates, was reared to the age of thirteen years in New York State, and was there educated, his school training being much improved by his native ability, close application to books, and general study of men and things. He was remarkably quick at figures and geometry, and he is widely known throughout northern Ohio for his ability as a mathematician. In his younger days he taught school in Lorain, Medina and Cuyahoga counties, and then embarked in agricultural pursuits. In 1834 he came to Ohio, and in 1836 settled in Eaton township, where he has since resided. Politically he has been a Republican since the organization of the party, and he served as real-estate assessor in 1870, and on the school board several years.

MATHIAS NUHN, one of the many industrious, honest and loyal citizens the Fatherland has given to Lorain county, is a prosperous farmer of Ridgeville township, of which he has been a resident since 1845.

Mr. Nuhn was born in Germany in 1838, a son of Peter and Anna Mary (Moss) Nuhn, the father a native of France, the mother of Prussia. Peter was a shoemaker by trade, at which he worked seven years in Paris, France, after which for two years he was coachman for Napoleon's nephew. In 1824, while working at his trade in Prussia, he married. In 1845 he and his wife and family emigrated to America, sailing from Havre, France, the voyage to New York occupying sixty-two days. From there they proceeded westward to Ohio, by way of the Hudson river, Erie Canal and Lake Erie to Cleveland, and from that city by wagon to Ridgeville township, Lorain county, where Mr. Nuhn bought twenty-five acres of land which he cleared and improved, at the same time working at his trade. To this first purchase of land he added forty acres, and, later, twelve acres. Of the nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nuhn we give record of seven children, as follows: Mary, wife of Peter Donenfelcer, died in 1854; Nicholas, married, resides in Ridgeville township; Elizabeth is the wife of Anton

Smith, of Center, Ridgeville township; Hannah is the wife of John Roth, of Lorain; Catherine is the wife of Peter Smith, of Avon township; Mathias is the subject of this memoir; and Peter, married, lives in Lorain. The father died March 8, 1874, a Democrat in politics, a member of the school board and supervisor; he was buried on the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage; the mother was called from earth in 1875.

Mathias Nuhn, whose name introduces this sketch, was, as will be seen, about six years old when he came to Lorain county, and during his first summer his home was in a barn in Stony Ridge, Ridgeville township, while a log house was being erected for the family. He received his education at the common schools of the locality, and learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed exclusively up to the time of the breaking out of the Civil war; he then combined farming with his trade, and he has met with well-merited success. In 1862 Mr. Nuhn enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Seventh O. V. I., for three years or during the war, and his regiment was assigned to the army of the Potomac. At the battle of Chancellorsville he was taken prisoner, and confined first in Libby, afterward in Belle Isle, whence he was taken on parole to Camp Annapolis, Md., and then detailed to the pioneer corps that served through Tennessee; to the close of the war he was stationed at Chattanooga and Kingston. In 1865 he was discharged, at Columbus, Ohio, and returned to his home in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, where he resumed the pursuits of peace.

In 1860 Mr. Nuhn was married, in Liverpool, Medina Co., Ohio, to Mary Magdalene Kolb, who was born in that county, daughter of Joseph and Sophia (Gravensteter) Kolb, natives of Germany, who about the year 1838 immigrated to the United States, settling in Medina county, Ohio, where the father died in 1878, and the mother is yet living. To this union children as follows were born: Rosa, the wife of Mr. Douglas, constable of Lorain, has three children—Mathias, Edith and Nora; Catherine, wife of Mathias Burkhart, of Lorain, also has three children—Clara, Lillian and Frank; Mary, wife of Charley Perry, of Cleveland, has one child; Hannah, wife of John Alfen, of Cleveland, has two children—Willie and Mabel; John, married, resides in Ridgeville township; Elizabeth, a widow, residing with her father, has two children—Olive and Bertha; Lena; Clara; and Mathias. Politically our subject is a Democrat, but in township matters he votes for whom he considers the best man for office, regardless of party. He has been a member of the school board eighteen consecutive years, such is the confidence his constituents repose in him, and he and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic Church at Ridgeville. Socially he is a member of Wesley Kibby Post No. 708, G. A. R., North Ridgeville, and has served as assistant quarter-master two terms. He is owner of nearly sixty acres of land in an excellent state of cultivation, on which in 1888 he built his present residence—a two-story frame house, 35 x 28—also a commodious barn, 56 x 36, and granary (with workshop combined), 16 x 22 feet.

ALONZO WRIGHT, a highly respected and prosperous agriculturist of Russia township, hard-working, and scrupulously honest in all his dealings, is a native of Essex county, N. Y., born November 11, 1825.

His father, Alonzo Wright, Sr., was brought up to farm life, and served for a time in a woolen factory. He married Philomilla Andrews, who was born in Stillwater, N. Y., and children as follows were born to them: Charles A., who died in California; Bushnell A., a physician of San Jacinto, Cal.; Alonzo, Jr., subject of this memoir; Harriet, deceased in youth; Sarah D., who was first married to Charles

Lyman, and is now the wife of Lewis Ozmun (they reside in Amherst township); Laura B., who married Edwin Durand, and died in Wellington, Ohio. In June, 1834, the family set out for Ohio, making the trip partly by sailing vessel, partly by canal to Buffalo, N. Y., and from there to Black River Harbor (now Lorain), Ohio, by steamer, thence to Oberlin by wagon. In Russia township the father bought ninety acres of land at ten dollars per acre (nine hundred dollars), which amount he paid in cash, part of the proceeds of his farm in New York State, which he had sold prior to coming west. He had previously visited Ohio, in order to select land, got as far as Cleveland, but returned east without succeeding in his purpose. For some time after their settling in Russia township the family lived in an old log cabin, till a new one was built. Here was born one more daughter, Mary, who died at the age of fourteen years. On this farm the father passed away in 1883, having been preceded to the grave by his wife in 1862. They lie buried in South Amherst cemetery. He was a Whig and Republican in politics, and a member of and deacon in the Congregational Church.

Alonzo Wright, the subject proper of these lines, received the earlier part of his education at the public schools of the vicinity of his place of birth, and after coming to Lorain county attended District school No. 1, his first teacher here being Samuel Rossiter. Later he attended a few terms at Oberlin College. He then taught school several terms, and subsequently attended the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati three years. He had previously studied medicine under Dr. James Fisher, of Tiffin, Ohio; and thus it will be seen he was well prepared for the arena of medicine, which, however, he never entered. After completing his course he returned to his home, and in 1848 commenced agriculture on his father's farm, which he now owns; of late years he has added the cultivation of small fruits to general farming.

In 1861 Mr. Wright was united in marriage with Adelia C. Whipple, and children as follows were born to them: Douglass, deceased at the age of nine years; Della, teaching in the public schools of Findlay, Ohio; Eddie, deceased in infancy; Henry, farming on the home place, and Jessie, still living with her parents. The surviving children have all enjoyed excellent educational opportunities. In politics Mr. Wright is a stanch Republican, and until the organization of that party was a Whig; his wife and children are members of the Congregational Church.

W. B. BEDORTHA, an attorney at law, of Oberlin, was born May 5, 1854, in Russia township, Lorain Co., Ohio, the only child of Luther and Eliza A. (Brown) Bedortha, the former of whom was a native of Sheffield, Mass., the latter of the city of New York.

Luther Bedortha, father of subject, came to Lorain county with his parents in 1824, and they made a settlement in Sheffield township. He was twice married, first time, in Sheffield township, to Miss Sarah Strong, soon after which they moved to Iowa, where they remained a few months and then returned to Ohio, Mr. Bedortha in 1852 establishing his residence on a farm in Russia township, Lorain county. To this first marriage were born two children: B. S. Bedortha, Esq., of Bridgman, Mich., and Dr. B. T. Bedortha, of London, England. The mother of these died at Joliet, Ill., while en route on the return trip to Ohio from Iowa, and on February 17, 1853, Luther Bedortha married Eliza A. Brown, who had come to Oberlin in 1852; she survives him, he having died December 29, 1864, at Oberlin, Ohio, to which place he had removed but a short time previous to his death.

W. B. Bedortha received his education at the public schools of his native town-

ship, and in 1868 entered the office of the *Lorain County News*, at Oberlin, where he learned the printer's trade, continuing in the printing business either as employe or proprietor for about ten years. In 1877 he commenced the study of law in the office of Judge J. W. Steele, the present postmaster at Oberlin, and in October, 1880, was admitted to the bar, where he at once commenced the general practice of his profession.

On February 8, 1881, W. B. Bedortha was married to Fannie J. E. Jenney. He is a Republican and a member of the Congregational Church.

WILLIAM RININGER. Whatever may be the form of government under which men live, it is the men of opinions who rule. They have circumscribed the power of kings, and in representative governments they are the leaders of the common people in both public and private concerns. They seldom fill official positions. Our ablest statesmen have never filled the Presidential chair. It is the Utopian ideal of Democratic governments that broad, intelligent, honest, partrician citizenship, with financial independence, unfettered by official burdens, is the goal of the best man's ambition. When this idea is adopted by our educators, and thoroughly implanted in the bosoms of the youth of our land—when we cease to be hero worshipers, and Napoleon and Alexander become object lessons of less importance than the patrician citizen, we will have taken the first great step toward the millennium. As a type of the character of the men foreshadowed above, we introduce a brief sketch of Mr. William Rininger, merchant and capitalist, of Wellington, Ohio.

Mr. Rininger descends from German stock. His grandparents emigrated from Germany, locating in Center county, Penn., when the father of our subject, Peter Rininger, was a boy. There the grandparents lived and died. Peter Rininger married Miss Mary Miller, and to their union were born two children: William, the subject of this memoir, and Eliza. The latter married in Pennsylvania, and died some years since, leaving two children. Peter Rininger died when his son William was only two years of age. By the subsequent marriage of his mother, our subject was thrown upon the charities of the world when a mere child. He was born April 2, 1823, and at the age of eight years was given the choice of remaining in Pennsylvania or emigrating to Ohio with his uncle, William Miller. He chose the latter expedient, and they located in Seneca county, Ohio. His uncle William subsequently purchased the site of the present village of Attica, and laid out the plat for a town. It was with this uncle that the boy William Rininger found the only semblance of what his early days knew as a home. He alternated between work and school, and was in return for his services clothed and fed. His uncle entered a variety of businesses besides farming. He operated an ashery, built and carried on a hotel, and finally kept a general merchandise store. Coming in contact with a variety of pursuits, William Rininger familiarized himself with the leading features of each, meanwhile applying himself assiduously to mastering the essential elements of an English education.

Thus early thrown upon his own resources, he learned the most important lesson in life—the lesson which only those strongly endowed by nature can learn—to think independently, to think for himself—and through life this has been his leading personal characteristic. All arbitrary laws in religion, politics and elsewhere—all theories advanced that are not based upon reason and humanity—have ever appeared to him the schemes of duplicity formulated to dominate the minds of the weak and the credulous.

William Kininger

Mr. Rininger made his first money with a paint brush. He had watched the painters around the hotel, and took up the trade. He worked at that business for a salary of one dollar per day, subsequently working in the harvest field. Saving his money he went to making brick, and subsequently made investments in various limited ways, and each proved a success. He not only made money, but saved it, and invested to the best possible advantage. By making the best of his opportunities, in 1844 he found himself possessed of a few hundred dollars in cash, which he invested in a store in Attica in connection with his uncles, William and Samuel Miller. From that time forward he felt his success assured. He remained personally in connection with his business at Attica, Ohio, until 1866, when he left his partner, one John Silcox, in charge there, came to Wellington with a view of establishing himself in business here, and bought the store of Charles Foote. In Wellington he had a partner, for about a year, William Barnard, but bought out the latter's interest, and has since operated his general merchandise store with the assistance of clerks. He still retains his interest in the store at Attica. Mr. Rininger's practice in buying has been to purchase for cash, although he has constantly had to tide customers over hard periods, as his books will show. He is generally recognized as a just but lenient creditor.

Mr. Rininger was formerly a Republican, but says: "When that party diverged from its original principles," he did not follow it. He believes in principles and in men, but not in party dominance. He is not a church member, being an independent thinker in this as in all other matters; but he is philanthropic in its broadest sense, believing that to be just and humane is the highest condition of consciousness.

During the years that have passed, Mr. Rininger has been an intelligent witness of the greatest political and commercial changes the country has ever experienced, and is one of the soundest and best versed men in its financial history and conditions that can be found.

Although his life has been one of indefatigable work and constant application to business, and he has always had the courage of his convictions and expressed his opinions freely, it is not in public but within the domestic circle of his home—with his family gathered around his hearth-stone—that Mr. Rininger has felt the cup of life most nearly full. He was married, September 9, 1844, to Miss Eliza J. King, who was born in Scipio, Cayuga Co., N. Y., April 2, 1820. By this marriage there are five daughters and one son, viz.: Lillian, wife of Edward Phelps, now of Scranton, Iowa (they have five children: Mabel, Edna, Homer, Raymond and Hazel); Delphene, wife of J. L. Smith, of Delaware, Ohio (they have three children: Ward, William R. and Louise); Natella, wife of William C. Miller, of Gallipolis, Ohio, now at Cincinnati (they have one son, Frank); Augusta, at home; Frank, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Celestia A., who died at the age of one year.

Mr. Rininger is a representative self-made man, his life bearing testimony to what it is possible to accomplish with willing heart and hands, steadfast integrity and honest toil. In brief, he started in life penniless; to-day he commands the highest quotation in Dunn's Commercial Agency of any individual merchant in the State of Ohio.

JOSEPH WESBECHER, a member of the prosperous firm of Wesbecher & Co., dealers in hardware, North Amherst, is a native of Germany. He was born February 25, 1852, in Mugensturm, Duchy of Baden, the seventh in a family of eight children born to Aloysius and Matta (Melcher) Wesbecher, who were also natives of Mugensturm, Baden, Ger-

many, where they were reared and married; the father was a farmer, and died in the Fatherland; the mother is yet living. Of their family three sons came to America: John, now in Botkins, Ohio; George, a resident of Greensburgh, Penn., and Joseph, our subject.

Joseph Wesbecher was educated in his native land, and, not wishing to enter the German army, in 1869 came to America. He learned the tinner's trade, and after working at different places for three years, came, in 1872, to North Amherst, Ohio, where he continued to work at his trade until 1876, when he embarked in the hardware business on his own account; the style of the firm was Cook & Wesbecher until 1880, since which time it has been Wesbecher & Co. Mr. Wesbecher was married November 28, 1878, in North Amherst, to Miss Matilda C. Plato, and they have had five children: Henry, Edd, Carl, Leo and Frank. Politically our subject is a stanch Democrat, and in religion he is a member of the Catholic Church. He gives his entire attention to his business, and by industry and perseverance has succeeded in building up a good trade.

S. TOMPKINS, a well-known, highly respected agriculturist of Eaton township, has been a resident of same for over sixty years. He was born in 1833 in Tompkins county, N. Y., son of Samuel and Betsy (Tellis) Tompkins, natives of Pennsylvania, who were reared and married in Newfield, Tompkins county, N. Y. In 1833 they came with their family to Eaton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where they opened up a farm. The father died many years before the mother, who passed away in 1885. They reared a family of four children, namely: John, married, who settled near his parents; Nathaniel, married, who resides in Eaton township; S. Tompkins, subject of this memoir; and Mary, wife of Joseph Dewhurst, of Eaton township.

The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in Eaton township, and has always followed agricultural pursuits. He owns a highly cultivated farm of eighty-four acres. Mr. Tompkins was married in Eaton township, to Miss Sarah Jane Bassett, a native of same, and to this union have come six children: Otis; Charley, married, residing in Eaton township; Ellen, wife of Bird Farr, residing in Amherst township (they have two children); Fred, Ira and Ida, all three residing at home. In politics Mr. Tompkins is a member of the Democratic party.

CAPTAIN THOMAS WILFORD, a well-known lake captain and prominent citizen of Lorain, has been identified with sailing interests on the Lakes for the past thirty-four years, and is still in active demand. His father, Joseph Wilford, a native of Northamptonshire, England, married Mary Ellen Griffin, also a native of that county, and they had a family of ten children, of whom Thomas was the eighth in order of birth. They came to America, locating in North Amherst, Lorain Co., Ohio, where the father followed farming, which was his life vocation. He died at the age of fifty-three; his widow passed away when aged seventy-three.

Thomas Wilford was born June 21, 1841, in Northamptonshire, England, and remained in his native country until twelve years of age, when he came with his parents to North Amherst. He received his education in the common schools, and for two years afterward worked on a farm. He began life on the Lakes as a common sailor, and then became mate, from which position he was promoted to captain. He was master of sailing vessels for eight years, first of the schooner "Exile," and next serving for two years on the steamer "John M. Osborne." In 1884 the latter collided with the steamer "Aberta," in

Lake Superior, and went down in five minutes, three of the crew being lost; and it was only due to Capt. Wilford's promptitude, in ordering the "Aberta" to keep forward and not pull off, that any of the passengers were saved. He had on board his wife, his two little girls, and a young lady friend from Ashtabula, Ohio, and he succeeded in saving his wife, the two little girls being rescued by the mate. Capt. Wilford spent part of the next season in superintending the building of the steamer "J. H. Devereaux," which he commanded for five years, and next superintended the building of the steamer "J. H. Wade," which he commanded for two years. He afterward had charge of the building of the steamer "Samuel Mitchell," of which he is still in command.

Capt. Wilford was married December 29, 1870, in Lorain, to Miss Fannie Gillmore, a native of that place, daughter of Alanson Gillmore, and they have had two children: Cora E., wife of Charles F. Bartenfeld, and F. Adelaide, who died of typhoid fever May 28, 1893, aged sixteen years two months and seven days. In politics our subject is a Republican, and socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum and also of the Ship Masters Association. He has been a resident of Lorain since 1861.

HA. DEMING, a highly respected citizen of Camden, now retired from active public life, is a native of Washington, Berkshire Co., Mass., born June 27, 1822. He is the youngest in the family of nine children of Absalom and Sarah (Eames) Deming, the former of whom was a native of Connecticut, and a farmer by occupation. His parents were both of Puritan stock, he being able, on his father's side, to trace his ancestry back to John Deming, Esq., who was active in the early settlement of Hartford, Conn. Upon his mother's side his lineage runs back, by direct line, to George William Bradford, who came over in the "Mayflower," hence he was of pure English extraction.

Our subject received his elementary education at the public schools of his early day, after which he attended an academy at Westfield, Mass., and in this way prepared himself for teaching, which he followed for sixteen terms in his native State. He was reared on his father's farm, and well trained to agricultural pursuits. When he had attained his majority (1843) his father died, and young Deming took charge of the home place, renting the portion belonging to the other heirs, and here remained until 1855, when he removed to Hinsdale, Berkshire Co., Mass., where he bought a farm and continued in agricultural pursuits. Finding his health failing at the end of one year, he gave up the farm, and entered a dry-goods store in Hinsdale, as a clerk and bookkeeper, but after a time he embarked, for his own account, in the flour and feed business. Abandoning this, he accepted the position of bookkeeper in a furniture factory. In December, 1869, he moved to Mattoon, Ill., and bought property, and here he formed a partnership with his brother as loan agents, in which they continued till September, 1882, when our subject came to Oberlin, Ohio, in order that his adopted daughter might enjoy the best of school advantages. While living here, in retirement, he spent one winter in Florida, and while a resident of Illinois passed a winter in Maryland. In 1889 he came to Kipton, a village in Camden township, Lorain county, where he has since made his home.

Mr. Deming has been twice married, first time December 4, 1850, to Isabel Miliken, born March 30, 1827, in Hinsdale, Mass., a daughter of Robert Miliken. This wife died in Oberlin, Ohio, January 25, 1886, and on April 3, 1889, Mr. Deming was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Rowland, born in Rochester, Lorain county, a daughter of Samuel W. and

Harmony (Blair) Rowland. Mr. Deming has an adopted daughter, Carrie B., born July 3, 1864, now Mrs. E. E. Hopkins, of Lorain, Ohio. Politically our subject was originally a Whig, then a Republican, and finally a Prohibitionist. At the age of twenty-three years he was a member of the school board at Washington, Mass., on which he served ten years; at twenty-five he was elected assessor, overseer of the poor and select man of the town during his residence in Washington. While a citizen of Hinsdale he served on the school board thirteen years continuously, as assessor six years, and treasurer of the town three years. During his stay in Mattoon, Ill., he was a member of the city council four years, and of the school board three years; and he took a leading part in organizing the First Congregational Church, in which he was an active Deacon for ten years. Mr. Deming has been a great reader in his day, is well posted and possessed of sound judgment, is very popular and is universally respected.

CHARLES H. HORTON. This gentleman, the widely-known inventor and manufacturer, and formerly superintendent of the Wellington (Brick) Machine Co., of Wellington, is a native of the State of New York, born April 25, 1845, in Holley, Orleans county, a son of Chauncey and Nancy (Masten) Horton. The father was born in the New England States, and died while our subject was young; the mother passed from earth in Rochester, Lorain county. Our subject's maternal grandfather and grandmother were of French and Yankee birth, respectively; his father's grandfather served in the Revolutionary war.

C. H. Horton was reared on a farm to the age of sixteen years, receiving during the winter months a liberal education at the common schools, chiefly in Huntington township, Lorain Co., Ohio, whither he had come when nine years old. Later he removed to Ripley, Huron Co., Ohio, where, in October, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Fifty-fifth O. V. I. (for three years service, or during the war), which regiment was sent first to West Virginia, and afterward assigned to the army of the Potomac, Eleventh Army Corps. It participated in the battles of Bull Run, Cedar Mountain, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, after which it was transferred to the army of the West. Mr. Horton was in the battles of Chattanooga and Buzzard's Roost, and was severely wounded at Resaca, but recovering rapidly rejoined his company, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea. He participated, in all, in twenty-eight engagements, chiefly in the rank of sergeant, to which he was promoted soon after his enlistment. At the close of the war his regiment took part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., where, in July, 1865, he received his discharge, having been in the service about four years. He returned home and for a time lived in Rochester, Lorain county, and then came to Wellington, which has since been his place of residence. Mr. Horton is an inventor of considerable repute, and his first invention was a threshing machine which had a self-registering grain measure. This patent he sold, and the machine was afterward manufactured and sold very extensively. He then had the sale of threshing machines and engines for several years till becoming a member of the Wellington Machine Co. He is the inventor of the "Monarch Brick Machine," which is made of iron, its capacity being six thousand bricks per hour, and is the chief article turned out by the Wellington Machine Company, of whose shops Mr. Horton was superintendent from the organization of the company until July 1, 1893, when he sold his interest therein.

On November 8, 1877, our subject was married to Miss Amelia Callin, daughter

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of James and Many Callin, of Monroeville, Ohio. Politically he is a Republican, socially a Knight Templar, and a member of Hamlin Post, G. A. R., Wellington. He has been a member of the city council since the spring of 1893, at which time he was elected. In 1889 he built a fine block in Wellington, north side of Mechanic street.

G W. HARRINGTON, a leading farmer of Columbia township, is a native of same, born February 29, 1848, a son of Elisha and Jane Harrington, of Vermont birth, who in an early day migrated to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in Columbia township. They died here on their farm, the mother in 1858, the father in January, 1884; he dealt considerably in live stock, was a Republican in politics, and served as trustee of his township. They had a family of six children, as follows: George (deceased when three years old), Hiram (who resides with his brother, C. W.), C. W., Wallace (married, living in Columbia township), Julia (who died unmarried) and Sarah (who also died unmarried). The grandfather of subject had fourteen sons and two daughters.

C. W. Harrington received a liberal school training in his native township, and attended an educational institute in Cleveland one term. Brought up to agricultural pursuits, he has made farming his life work, and is now the owner of ninety-four and three-fourths acres of well-cultivated land in Columbia township, on which he settled in 1868. He has considerably improved the property, erecting a comfortable residence, etc. In December, 1867, Mr. Harrington married Miss Susan Maria Heath, born in Elyria, Ohio, daughter of William and Mary (Green) Heath, natives of Vermont, and who migrated westward to Ohio, settling in Columbia township, Lorain county, where they are yet residing. To Mr. and Mrs. Harrington have been born seven children—four sons and three daughters—as follows: Wallace W., who died at the age of two months and fourteen days; Willie E., who resides in Chicago; Bertha G., who died when two years and six months old; Afton B., deceased when two months old; Eva M., married to Charles Putt, and has one child, Mamie; Julia Frances, who died when fourteen years and six months old (she united with the M. E. Church when nine years old, and was a faithful worker for the Lord at the time of her death; she was an alto singer in the choir from the time she was nine years old up to her death); and Warren C., who resides at home. Politically our subject is a Republican, and he is a member of the Baptist Church, his wife of the M. E. Church. They are rearing an adopted child named Lester Leon Lockwood.

G H. SNOW, county surveyor of Lorain county, is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, born in the town of Avon, September 22, 1848.

His father, Edwin Snow, was born in Portage county, Ohio, and was there married to Miss Julia Lewis, a native of New York State. They became settlers of Lorain county, where the father followed agricultural pursuits, owning a farm of 400 acres, 200 of which he cleared with his own hands. This was in Avon township, and one of the roads there, still known as "Snow's road," was named after him. Edwin Snow was a leading farmer, enjoying the respect and esteem of the entire community. He died in 1886, at the age of seventy-seven years. In his political preferences he was a Republican. His widow is still living in Elyria, now aged seventy-four years.

C. H. Snow, who is the third of five children born to Edwin and Julia Snow, received a liberal education, in part at the

common schools of his native town, and in part at Oberlin College. His school days over, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and there spent one year in civil engineering work. Returning to Lorain county, he married, May 24, 1880, Miss Mary Sweet, and settled down to agricultural pursuits, which he followed several years, at intervals working at his profession. In this he continued from 1874 till about 1886, in June of which latter year he was appointed, without any solicitation on his part, county surveyor of Lorain county; was elected in the following fall on the Republican ticket, and is now serving his second term. He still operates his farm, although attending closely to his professional duties. Since 1887 he has, by special appointment, been serving as civil engineer for the city of Elyria.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Snow have been born two children: Franklin and Bricena. The family are members of the M. E. Church.

HENRY SPICER, one of the well-known old residents of LaGrange township, was born January 4, 1829, in Lancashire, England.

He is the son of Richard and Harriet (Upton) Spicer, the former of whom was a teamster, and drove in his day the usual six-horse team. Their children were named as follows: Alfred, Thomas, Jesse, Henry, Mary and Harriet, of whom Alfred and Thomas now reside in Charlotte, Mich.; Jesse is in Iowa; Mary is the deceased wife of Jesse Conover; and Harriet is the deceased wife of Sheldon Seares, who was her second husband (she was first married, in England, to John Pickwood). In 1832 Richard Spicer came to the United States (bringing our subject but not the entire family), landing at New York, and thence proceeding by river, canal and lake to Cleveland, Ohio, from which city he came to Lorain county, locating east of the center of Ridgeville township. By that time he had only a small sum of money left, and he rented land and earned his livelihood by threshing (in the old-fashioned way), in which line he was quite expert, being able to thresh ten bushels of grain and clean up after it in one day, a feat at that time looked upon as almost phenomenal. Later he removed to Butternut Ridge, where he resided some time, and then lived for a while at Grafton Station, Grafton township, moving thence to Carlisle township, where he bought fifty acres of land, then all in the woods. He removed his family thereon, but after clearing it and making some improvements he sold the tract and invested in land in the northern part of LaGrange township, on which a vast amount of clearing also had to be done. He was a hard-working, industrious man, and though beginning life poor he owned at the time of his death one hundred acres of land, all accumulated by his own untiring efforts. He and his wife both died on the farm in LaGrange.

Henry Spicer was but three years old when brought by his parents to the United States and Ohio, where he received his education in the common schools of the day. He could attend even these for only a short period, however, as his eyes became affected, which compelled him to abandon study. He was reared to farm life, and during his boyhood he frequently saw wild animals—bears, deer, wolves, turkeys, etc., which were then still abundant in the region—in the clearings on the farm. He remained on the home place until his marriage, January 8, 1850, to Lucinda P. Hastings, who was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., daughter of Otis Hastings, a pioneer of LaGrange township. At this time Mr. Spicer's circumstances were somewhat limited. Locating in one of the wildest portions of LaGrange township, he purchased a tract at eight dollars per acre, being obliged to go into debt for the land, which was heavily timbered and difficult

to clear. He next removed to Henrietta township, where he afterward sold out at a profit, and in 1870 came to his present farm, in LaGrange township, then comprising 111 acres, part of which he has since sold, having now eighty-six acres. Mr. and Mrs. Spicer have had the following children: Richard, who died after reaching adult age; Elbridge, a farmer of LaGrange township; Perry, also a farmer of LaGrange; Harriet, now Mrs. Lewis Curtice, of LaGrange; and Carrie, Mrs. O. Nichols, of Lorain. In politics, Mr. Spicer was a Democrat until 1890, since when he has been a Republican. In religious connection he is a member of the Baptist Church. For seventeen years he has conducted a threshing business, and he is unusually well acquainted in his section. He is a much respected member of his community, and fully merits the esteem and regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens. From a start of comparatively nothing he has made a success in life, reared his family well, and now enjoys a comfortable competence.

ROBERT SALISBURY, a typical self-made man, and one of the leading agriculturists of Grafton township, is an Englishman by birth, born near Hull, Yorkshire, July 7, 1821, a son of Joseph and Mary (Graspy) Salisbury. They had three children born in England, viz.: Robert, subject of sketch; Hannah, now Mrs. John Dunn, of Nebraska; and Graspy, who died at the age of five years, and is buried in Belden cemetery.

In 1827 the family took passage in a sailing vessel from Hull for the New World, and after a voyage of six weeks and three days they landed at New York. From there they proceeded by river, canal and lake to Cleveland, Ohio, thence to Grafton township, Lorain county, by wagon, the driver being a man who had come from Spencer, Medina county. The father of our subject had borrowed ten dollars from a companion on the voyage, and this was expended in bringing the family to Grafton. One John Langdon, a friend of Mr. Salisbury, had previously located in the township, and the latter was on that account the more resolved to come here, although while at Cleveland he received some inducement to stay there, being offered not only work, but also land at four dollars per acre, which, however, he declined for the reason stated. On their arrival in Grafton the family were in needy circumstances, but Mr. Jonathan Rawson, with whom they staid over night, supplied them with provisions enough to last them two or three days. At last Mr. Salisbury secured work as a farm hand, working for Judge Wells for twenty acres of land, which he afterward traded; then bought and sold, each time to advantage, until he and his son, our subject, found themselves possessors of 218 acres. After coming to the United States two more children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Salisbury, as follows: Betsey, now Mrs. Nelson Knowles, of LaGrange, Lorain county; and Miney, now Mrs. Alonzo Ryan, also of LaGrange. The father died in 1869, the mother on February 15, 1881, and they are buried in the cemetery at East LaGrange.

The subject of this sketch was six years old when the family came to the United States, and he well remembers crossing the ocean, and of being corrected by the captain of the ship for climbing the rigging. In Grafton township he attended the first schoolhouse built there, a very primitive one, constructed of logs and rudely furnished. He was reared to farming, and has made it his life work, for a considerable time he and his father working together, clearing land in various places; he also learned the trade of cooper, and has followed it in connection with agricultural pursuits. At the age of nine-

teen he met with an accident, from the result of which he has since suffered not a little. One night he was coon-hunting, and having climbed a tree after one of the animals, he lost his hold, falling to the ground, a distance of thirty-eight feet, and through this mishap he became the first patient of Dr. G. C. Underhill, in Grafton or LaGrange township.

On September 19, 1857, Mr. Salisbury was united in marriage, by Elder Nesbit, with Miss Nancy L. McKenzie, a native of Grafton, Ohio, and three children were born to them, as follows: Charles F., marshal of Grafton; Franklin G., deceased at the age of three years; and a son that died in infancy, unnamed. After marriage our subject continued to reside on the home place, which is situated on the northwest corner of Grafton township, and his parents passed their declining years with him. At one time he owned 235 acres of land, but having given away and sold some, he has now 168 acres left, besides three residences in the village of Grafton. A Republican in politics, he is a stanch member of the party. He and his wife have been members for twenty-seven years of the Congregational Church, in which he has held various offices.

JOHN HOWK, one of the most prominent and affluent of Lorain county's retired agriculturists, is a native of New York State, born in Chenango county December 13, 1820.

David Howk, father of subject, was born in Lee township, Berkshire county, Mass., of Holland-Dutch descent, his father having come from that land of pure butter and cheese and variegated flowers to America in an early day, settling in Lee township, above referred to. Grandfather Howk brought his wife with him, and in their new home in the New World they reared four sons and four daughters. The grandfather died at the age of sixty-two years. His son, David, married Miss Pollie Bradley, a native of the same place, and they had six children, as follows: Clara (who died in infancy), Eli B. (who died in February, 1884), Hiram H., John, David, and Mary (who died in 1884). After marriage David Howk moved to New York State, locating near Oxford, in Chenango county, and there resided till July 15, 1834, when the family came to Wellington township, Lorain Co., Ohio, making the trip by canal and lake to Cleveland, thence by wagons to their destination. They were pioneers in the literal sense, for they had to hew their way in the woods, and found no neighbor less than two and one-half miles distant, excepting wolves, bears, panthers and many other wild animals. Here the father died in 1853 aged sixty-eight years, the mother in 1872 at the advanced age of eighty-one; they were members of the M. E. Church, and in politics he was a Whig.

John Howk, the subject proper of this sketch, was fourteen years old when he came to Lorain county, with the rest of the family, and nobly did his share toward the clearing up of the wild woods. After his marriage he settled on a farm in Wellington township, which now comprises 236 acres of prime land. On September 27, 1849, he was married to Miss Esther A. Baird, born April 11, 1825, a daughter of Bidwell and Sophia (Cheney) Baird, who were natives of Massachusetts, the father born in Berkshire county in 1796, and died November 28, 1876; the mother born in 1801, and died August 21, 1891. They came to Ohio in 1832, settling in Wellington township, Lorain county. They were the parents of ten children, viz.: Kendal W., Esther A., Catherine S., Robert H., Sylvester B. (deceased), Almena A., Albert E. (deceased), Lucinda E., Adelaide P., and Abram P. (deceased).

The children born to our subject and wife were as follows: Addie M., wife of H. O. Barber (they have three children: Jessie Bell, Clara May and John L.); Hattie, in

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the auditor's office, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Mary Ella, Emma A., Willie Perry and Freddie E., all four deceased. Politically our subject was first a Whig, then a Republican, and since S. J. Tilden ran for the Presidential chair he has been a Democrat. He has been a member of Congressional conventions, also senatorial committees, and served as trustee of his township nine consecutive years, part of the time during the Civil war. In church matters he is a member of the M. E. Church. For the past twelve years Mr. Howk has lived a retired life in the town of Wellington, honored and respected by all.

H. E. CLARK, who was born May 15, 1846, in Pittsfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, was a grandson of Nathan Clark, who was one of the first two settlers in LaGrange township.

Jonathan L. Clark, son of Nathan, was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., and when eight years old came with his parents to LaGrange township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he was reared to farm life. He married Rhoda Dale, a native of Vermont, and they became the parents of four children, viz.: Julia, who died at the age of twenty-two years; H. E.; Carrie, Mrs. Richard Gibbins, of Pittsfield township, and John G., an attorney of Kansas City, Mo. The father of this family was a Republican in politics. He died in 1877, and was buried in Pittsfield cemetery. His widow is still living at an advanced age.

H. E. Clark received a common-school education, in the same district where his children now attend school, and resided at home until his marriage. On March 28, 1873, he was wedded to Miss Mary Rogers, who was born April 28, 1842, in Pittsfield township, daughter of Edward and Ann (Bailey) Rogers; the latter were the parents of three children—one son and two daughters—and came to Lorain county, Ohio, from Cornwall, England. After marriage Mr. Clark settled on the present farm, where he was principally occupied in general farming and dairying; he also took considerable interest in stock raising, and was formerly engaged in breeding fancy poultry, Oxford-Down registered sheep, Ayrshire cattle (registered) and Poland-China hogs, having experimented with various strains, all eligible to record. He also raised fine dogs—Scotch collies, Newfoundland dogs and English pugs—as well as ferrets, sending his stock to all parts of the United States and Mexico. He owned four imported horses, one Percheron and one Norman stallion (French coach stallions), and two mares. The farm now comprises 253 acres, and the stock enterprises netted him no small amount of clear annual profit. In addition to general farming he carried on a creamery of his own, having regular customers who bought the products of the same. His extensive business was built up entirely by himself, and his fair, honest dealing, business-like methods, and complete practical knowledge of the business were important factors in his success. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark had been born four children: Rhoda A., Carrie M., Edward L., and Rosella M. (who died when five years old). Mr. Clark died July 21, 1893, a member of the Methodist Church, as is also his widow.

G. J. BRAMAN, a well-known and popular citizen of Lorain, is a native of Lorain county, born in 1839, a son of Daniel and Belinda (Falconer) Braman, the father a native of Massachusetts, the mother of Pennsylvania. In an early day the parents came to Lorain county, Ohio, but in 1851 they migrated to Allamakee county, Iowa, sojourning there until 1856, in which year they moved to Jackson county, Wis.,

where they passed the rest of their days in farming pursuits. The father died in 1883, the mother in 1891; he was a Democrat, and took some interest in politics.

G. J. Braman was reared and educated in Lorain county, and at the age of twelve years moved with his parents to Iowa, where in 1852 he carried the chain on a survey locating the boundary line of Iowa and Minnesota. In 1857 he located at Red Wing, Minn., and was a pilot on the Mississippi river until 1860, when he returned to Lorain county, and again attended school, also following the trade of carpenter. In May, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-third O. V. I., for three years or during the war, serving under Col. R. B. (afterward General) Hayes, assigned to the Eastern army. He was first under fire September 10, 1861, at Carnifex Ferry, and participated in the battles of Sewell Mountain, Cotton Mountain (Va.), and Newberne (N. C.); after that he was assigned to the army of the Potomac, and was in the battles of Fairfax Courthouse, South Mountain, and Antietam; he was then ordered to the Kanawha. While in the army of the Potomac, he was detailed in charge of transportations. Mr. Braman was honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio, in July, 1864, and returned to Lorain county, Ohio, where he remained till 1873, in that year moving to Michigan. For a time he was engaged as superintendent of a bridge gang in Texas, but in 1882 he again came to Lorain county, making his home in Lorain, and was engaged on the C. L. & W. for some time. Mr. Braman has been a member of the Lorain police force since 1889, and constable since 1890.

On December 25, 1864, Mr. Braman was united in marriage, at Grafton, Ohio, with Miss Belle M. Crittenden, also a native of Lorain county, daughter of William H. and Clara (Arnold) Crittenden, of Massachusetts, who became early settlers of Lorain county. To this union was born one daughter, Rena Belle, now the wife of William H. Ault, of Lorain county. Mr. Braman is a Republican, and takes an active interest in politics; in 1888 he served as a member of the town council. He is a member of the Q. A. Gillmore Post, G. A. R., Lorain, and of the K. O. T. M.

O. F. CARTER, proprietor of a flourishing hardware establishment in Oberlin, one of the leading business houses in that line in Lorain county, is a native of New York State, born in Cattaraugus county in 1838.

Thomas Carter, his father, was a native of Connecticut, and when he was a child his parents, also natives of the "Nutmeg State," came to Onondaga county, N. Y., from there moving to the western part of the same State. The father, who was a tanner and shoemaker, died at the patriarchal age of eighty-three years. In 1854 Thomas Carter and his family came to Lorain county, Ohio, settling on a farm in Russia township. By trade he was a tanner and shoemaker, but after coming to Ohio he followed farming exclusively. An Old-line Whig in his younger days, he has, since the organization of the party, been a stanch Republican. His wife, Abi (Hotchkiss), died in 1864, the mother of six children. He now lives with a daughter at Riceville, Penn., at the great age of ninety-five years.

O. F. Carter, whose name introduces this biographical sketch, is fourth in order of birth in his father's family. His school training was received in part in his native county, and in part at Oberlin, Ohio. He remained on his father's farm, assisting thereon until his mother's death, after which he bought the old homestead and cultivated same till 1866, when he sold out and returned to Cattaraugus county, N. Y. Here, in Randolph township, he embarked in the hardware business with a

brother, but some little time afterward returned to Lorain county and opened in Oberlin his present hardware store, the style of the firm being, first—"Carter, Franks & Co.," and, for the past four years—"Carter & Huckus."

In 1860 our subject was united in marriage with Miss Emily M. Brown, and one child, Carrie J., was born to them; she is the wife of Elmer M. Rice, of Riceville, Penn., and has one child, named Robert Hughes. Politically Mr. Carter is an active Republican, and has been a regular delegate to State and county conventions for several years. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum and Knights of Honor. In church relationship he is a Congregationalist.

JOHN DAGUE, a lifelong farmer and a highly respected citizen of Penfield township, is a native of Ohio, born November 16, 1820, in Milton township, Wayne county, son of Frederick Dague. Michael Dague, grandfather of our subject, was of German extraction.

Frederick Dague, father of John Dague, was a native of Washington county, Penn., where he was married to Catherine Harsh, also born in Washington county, daughter of Henry Harsh, and in 1820 the young couple migrated westward to Ohio. The road were very rough, but they came in a wagon, and located in Wayne county, then a very wild section, where wild animals—deer, bears, wolves, etc.—abounded. Here Mr. Dague purchased 160 acres of land, all heavily timbered and without improvements of any sort, erecting thereon a rude cabin, with puncheon floor, stick chimney, etc. He had a family of eight children, one of whom died in Pennsylvania, and six of whom still survive, viz.: Frederick, John, Henry, Levi, Sarah and Ann. The father of these passed his remaining years on the pioneer farm in Wayne county, living to see the transformation of his property from the primeval forest to a fertile farm. Much hard labor was necessarily involved in accomplishing this, but he was assisted in the work by his family, every member of which worked with a will to secure a home, and at the time of his death the property was worth several thousand dollars. He made many substantial improvements thereon in the way of buildings, putting up a fine barn and outbuildings, also a handsome brick residence, and was progressive in every way. He acquired and retained universal respect and esteem, and instilled into the minds of his children those sterling principles so characteristic of his life, and now so apparent in theirs. He lived to a ripe old age. Mrs. Catherine Dague died July 12, 1834, and Mr. Dague subsequently married Margaret Baker, who had come from Maryland; there were no children by this union.

John Dague received in his youth a meager training in the common schools of that early day, his attendance being restricted to five days during one winter term. From early boyhood he engaged in the arduous duties of farm life, and remained at home until reaching his majority, assisting in the clearing of the pioneer farm, where he labored zealously to help his father secure a home. On January 20, 1842, he was united in marriage with Miss Barbara Waltner, who was born in December, 1816, in Adams county, Penn., daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Bowser) Waltner, who came by wagon to Ohio in 1834, the family, which then consisted of three daughters, walking the greater part of the way to Milton township, Wayne county, where they located. For nine years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dague rented land, and he worked for fifty cents a day, clearing land for others, laboring from sunrise to sunset, his wife helping all the while. In February, 1852, they came to Penfield township, purchasing 102 acres at five dollars per acre, and there made their home in a

log house, the walls of which were so open that the snow blew through the cracks. Children as follows were born to them: Mary, who died at the age of thirty-one years, unmarried; Sarah, Mrs. Alfred Brouse, of Penfield; Margaret, Mrs. Harvey Brouse, of Penfield; Jacob, a farmer, deceased; Hattie, Mrs. Robert Davidson, of Wellington, Ohio; Fred, a farmer of Penfield; John, also a farmer of Penfield; and William, a farmer of Spencer, Medina Co., Ohio. About twenty-five years ago Mr. Dague lost almost entirely the use of his arm, but his children have taken hold of the manual labor, and the affairs of the farm have progressed finely. At one time he owned over 200 acres of land, and now, after having started his children in life, he has an excellent farm and a most beautiful home and enjoys a comfortable competence. His noble wife deserves no small amount of credit for the part she has taken, and now, though over seventy-seven years of age, she is still in the enjoyment of remarkably good health. Mr. Dague is extremely fond of his home, seldom leaving it for more than a day at a time. He is a self-made man in every respect, and from small beginnings has made a complete success, having acquired during his business career an enviable record for fair, honest dealing. In politics he sympathizes with the Democratic party, and in religious connection he and his wife are members of the German Baptist Church.

CHARLES A. FOWLER was the eldest son of Charles and Eliza (Baker) Fowler, and was born January 28, 1834, in Chestertown, Warren Co., N. Y. (where he spent his boyhood days), a very picturesque village situated a short distance from the Adirondack Mountains.

Here during his leisure hours he roamed at will down through the deep glens or over the rugged mountains. After having graduated at the high school, and receiving a thorough business education, he entered his father's mercantile establishment, where he became familiar with the practical works of a merchant. About the year 1854 he came to Ohio to look after an extensive land estate in the townships of Grafton and Eaton, Lorain county. This estate was purchased from Jonathan Rawson, it being a large tract of land situated on both sides of Black river, and covered nearly all the territory on which the present prosperous village of Grafton Station now stands. After remaining in Grafton for a short time, Mr. Fowler went to Michigan and engaged in the mercantile business, but in about one year returned to Grafton to take care of the property there, which was deeded to him by his father. He spent his time in general farming, stock raising and so forth. There was a sawmill on the premises which he operated until the year 1862, when it was carried away by a flood, after which he devoted his spare time to local politics, and filled some of the most important offices of the place with great credit; was mayor of Grafton one term, and is still quoted as the honest and business-like mayor. Politically he was a Democrat. While he was very outspoken, he was very kind-hearted, generous and charitable to a fault. In 1891 he rebuilt his home, which now ranks among the finest in northern Ohio. Mr. Fowler died December 30, 1891, in La-Grange, from injuries received while stepping from a moving train. His remains rest in the cemetery in Elyria, in a vault erected by his wife at an enormous expense, it being the finest in Lorain county. The business part of the community feel the loss of a good councilor and citizen, and the poor mourn him as a benefactor.

On February 15, 1857, in the city of Adrian, Mich., Charles A. Fowler was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Hendee, who was born April 6, 1835, in Spencer, Medina Co., Ohio, a daughter of James and Anna (Hoover) Hendee, early

settlers in Medina county, formerly residents of Monroe county, N. Y. Mr. Hendee was a lifelong farmer, a man of moderate means. He had a family of eight children, of whom five at this date are yet living. Mrs. Fowler is a lady of sound judgment, and manages her farm of 140 acres in a manner that well exemplifies her innate business sagacity and acumen. Her residence is one of the finest in the county, and is elegantly furnished, all its surroundings giving evidence of the exquisite taste and refinement of its owner.

ALFRED FAUVER, ex-commissioner of Lorain county, and retired agriculturist, is a native of the county, born in Eaton township in the year 1835.

In his boyhood and early youth Mr. Fauver attended the common schools, and learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, at which he was working when the war of the Rebellion broke out. He was the first to volunteer into the service of the Union from Eaton township, enlisting in the Eighth O. V. I., which regiment was sent to Camp Dennison from Cleveland, and there being no accommodation prepared for them the men had to bivouac in a field among the snow and mud; in consequence of such exposure our subject was seized with pneumonia, but did not leave the service. The regiment then proceeded to West Virginia, to guard the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and participated in the battle of Winchester, where Mr. Fauver received a musket-ball and three buckshot in the leg, which wounds necessitated his confinement in hospital at Winchester for some time. Returning home when convalescent, he was honorably discharged from the service August 19, 1862. He then settled down to agricultural pursuits in Eaton township, which he carried on successfully till 1891, in which year he retired from active life, and took up his residence in Oberlin, in order the better to educate his children.

On October 24, 1863, Mr. Fauver married Miss Elizabeth King, of Eaton township, Lorain county, by which union there are six children—five sons and one daughter, as follows: Lester A., graduate of a civil engineering school, and now city engineer of Lorain; Louis B., attending Oberlin College; Clayton K., in college; Edwin and Edgar (twins), both in high school at Oberlin; and Mabel. In politics Mr. Fauver is a stalwart member of the Republican party, and in 1884 was elected county commissioner, in which incumbency he served nine years and one month. He has been active in the interests of the county in many ways, and was a member of the gubernatorial convention that nominated Foster for governor of Ohio. He assisted in the organization of the First National Bank of Lorain, and is one of its directors; he is also a stockholder in the Savings Bank of Elyria.

WILLIAM H. SAXTON, one of the most prominent and influential of the prosperous agriculturists of Russia township, was born October 28, 1827, in Jefferson county, N. Y., a son of Elisha Saxton, also a native of New York State.

The father of our subject married Miss Ardelia Cottrel, of the State of New York, and they then settled in the vicinity of where he was reared. He had served in the capacity of coachman (rising to that position from one of day laborer) for Joseph Bonaparte, a heavy landowner and prominent man, who at the time of his death gave each of his employes fifty acres of land, Elisha Saxton being one of the beneficiaries. This he commenced farming on, but it was new land and proved to be not worth much, and later he moved to Otsego county, same State, to a town then

called Butternuts. Thence he proceeded to Jefferson county, locating for a time in Denmark, and from there the family came in 1835 to Ohio, by way of the Erie Canal from Syracuse to Buffalo, thence by boat to Huron, Ohio, from which place they were conveyed by wagon to Richland county, where they sojourned a month or two. From that county they moved to LaGrange township, Lorain county, where Mr. Saxton bought for cash seventy-five acres at about five dollars per acre. Here he lived for some years, at the end of which time he removed to Wellington township, same county, whence after a time he returned to La Grange township, where he died in July, 1863; his widow passed from earth in 1870, in Ohio, at the home of her son Nelson. They are buried side by side in Pittsfield township, Lorain county. He was a successful hard-working farmer, and by industry and frugality accumulated a comfortable competence. Politically he was a Democrat until the Anti-slavery movement, when he turned Abolitionist; he held various offices of trust in his township. When he first came to Ohio he was a Baptist, but later became an adherent of the Universalist faith, remaining so to the close of his life. The children born to him prior to his removal to Ohio were as follows: Elzina, who married Hiram Jones, and died in LaGrange township, Lorain county; William H., subject of this sketch; Daniel, who died soon after coming to Ohio; Nelson, a minister of the Universalist faith, who died in 1890; and Emily, who married Cyrus Batchelor, and died in LaGrange township. Those born in Ohio are Albert D., now a resident of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; and John, a farmer of Deerfield, Michigan.

William H. Saxton, the subject proper of this sketch, received his education at the subscription school of LaGrange township, which was held in an old log cabin, with slab seats, puncheon floor and greased paper for windows in lieu of glass, the first teacher being Lura Cross. Here our subject drank of the "Pierian Spring" during the winter months until he was eighteen years old, working on the farm in the summer season. He lived at home till he was twenty-one years old, when he purchased a piece of land containing fifty acres, price three hundred and fifty dollars, paying one hundred dollars down, and in a few years by hard labor and judicious economy he was enabled to pay for it in full. He built thereon a log cabin, almost entirely with his own hands, the chimney being made of mud and sticks, and an old "hard-head boulder" constituted the back of the fireplace.

In May, 1849, Mr. Saxton was married to Mary Allyn, a native of Connecticut, born in June, 1824, daughter of Matthew Allyn, and they commenced their wedded life in the humble log house just described. The first road, in those parts, between Cleveland and Toledo, came near their home, and so they kept boarders, which helped Mr. Saxton toward paying for his farm; and he also sold cross ties from the land he was clearing. This property of originally fifty acres he has from time to time added to, and he now owns in all over 700 acres—some in Ohio, some in Michigan and some in Iowa. For five years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Saxton lived in the old log cabin, and then moved into a frame house. Their children were born as follows: Clara, Mrs. Raphael Rogers, of Cleveland, Ohio; Judson, a farmer of Humboldt county, Iowa; William, a farmer of LaGrange township, Lorain county; Arthur, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Edith, Mrs. M. Mason, of Oberlin, Ohio.

Mr. Saxton has been a great reader in his day, and has a very retentive memory for everything he finds of use from books. He also takes a deep interest in various branches of industry, and has been a patron of all the leading industrial Expositions held in the United States for the past twenty-five years, including the Centennial at Philadelphia, the New Orleans Exposi-

tion, the World's Fair at Chicago, etc. In 1889 he and his wife made a trip to the Pacific Slope, visiting among other places San Francisco and San Diego, Cal., and Seattle, Wash.; they also traveled through the New England States, visiting his wife's place of birth. In the summer of 1892 he visited the Western States, proceeding as far north as Alaska, and traveling through various parts of that new Territory. In his political preferences Mr. Saxton was a Republican up to the time of Horace Greeley's campaign, since when he has been a Prohibitionist.

G. H. ARNET, retired, who enjoys the record of being one of the most painstaking and successful farmers of Russia township, a shrewd manager and sound financier, is a native of Western New York, born July 17, 1827, in Jerusalem township, in the lake country.

James S. Arnet, father of subject, was born November 26, 1783, and about the year 1835 came to Ohio, locating in Hartland township, Huron county, in the pioneer days of that locality. After some years residence there he moved to Illinois, but returning to Ohio he passed the rest of his days among his children. He died in Townsend township, Huron county, in October, 1868, and was buried at Hartland Ridge by the side of his second wife. Politically he was for several years a Whig, afterward, on the organization of the party, a steadfast Republican. He had been twice married, first time September 11, 1804, to Julia Terry, who was born March 31, 1785, and died when her son G. H., our subject, was two months old. Mr. Arnet then removed to Sheffield township, Warren Co., Penn., where, on August 12, 1830, he married Rebecca Shipman, who died in Hartland township, Huron county.

G. H. Arnet, the subject proper of this sketch, being but an infant when his mother died, was brought up by his sister Caroline, and attended the subscription schools of the period. At about the age of twenty-one he began to work out for himself, with a lumber company (four years) and in sawmills, etc., in Huron and Lorain counties. On December 28, 1854, Mr. Arnet was married to Elizabeth West, who was born September 7, 1831, in Geneva, N. Y., and in 1841 came to Wellington township, Lorain county, with her parents, Horace and Susan (Weiser) West. The children born to this union are Melvin D., born October 13, 1859, a farmer in Russia township; Helen S., born March 17, 1863, married to Manasses Baker, of Oberlin, Ohio; and George W., who died young.

Prior to his marriage our subject had bought on credit 121 acres of wild land at eight dollars per acre, where he is yet living, and this he has improved and from time to time added to until he now has 180 acres of as good farming land as can be found in the county. For some years he has lived retired from active life, his son, Melvin D., having charge of the place; but he can not remain idle, for at all times he is to be seen doing light work of one kind or another about the premises. He has a bright, pleasant home, where he and his estimable wife are quietly and comfortably passing the declining years of their lives. Politically Mr. Arnet is a stanch Republican, formerly an Old-line Whig.

H. G. HUSTED, senior member of the well-known firm of H. G. and D. S. Husted, dentists, in Oberlin, is a worthy representative of one of the earliest pioneer families. His grandfather, Samuel Husted, came in a very early day from Danbury, Conn., and erected the first flour mill in the county. Hoyt Husted, father of subject, was born in Danbury, Conn., and learned the milling business, which he followed for many years in Clarksfield township, Huron Co., Ohio. For his

first wife he married Sarah Gray, a native of New York State, who came with her parents to Ohio in 1825, settling in Clarksfield, Huron county. His second wife, Anna C. Stone, was born in Connecticut, and removed with her parents to Clarksfield when but a child.

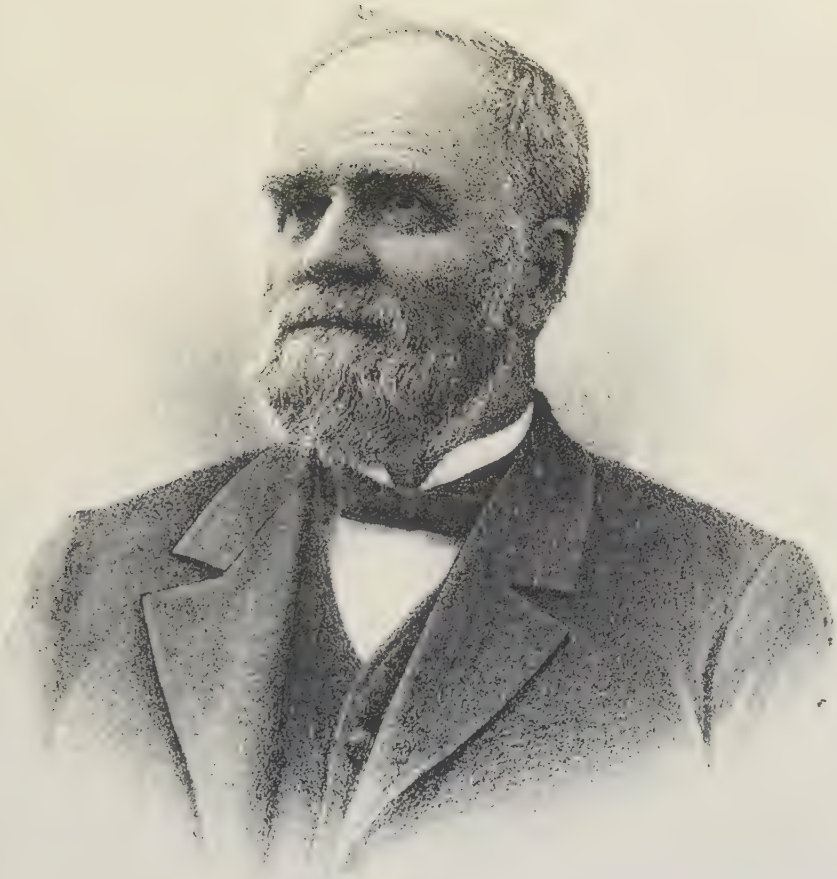
H. G. Husted, son of Hoyt and Sarah (Gray) Husted, was born April 6, 1851, in Clarksfield township, Huron Co., Ohio, and was reared to farm life, receiving his primary education in the common schools. For three and one-half years he studied dentistry under a preceptor, in Norwalk, and since September, 1878, he has resided in Oberlin, where he has built up a good practice. Mr. Husted was united in marriage, November 11, 1879, in Norwalk, Huron county, with Miss Alberta Jackson, a native of Norwalk, and to this union have been born three children: Walter, Clara and Hubert. Politically our subject is an active member of the Republican party, and has served two terms as member of the town council. In religious faith he is an adherent of the Congregational Church. He is a member of the Northern Ohio Dental Association.

D. S. HUSTED, junior member of the well-known dentist firm, in Oberlin, of H. G. and D. S. Husted, is descended from an early pioneer family of this section. His grandfather, Samuel Husted, came in a very early day from Danbury, Conn., and erected the first flour mill in the county. Hoyt Husted, father of subject, was born in Danbury, Conn., and learned the miller's trade, which he followed for many years in Clarksfield township, Huron Co., Ohio. For his first wife he married Sarah Gray, a native of New York State, who came with her parents to Ohio in 1825, settling in Clarksfield, Huron county. His second wife, Anna C. Stone, was a native of Connecticut, and came to Clarksfield with her parents when but a child.

D. S. Husted, son of Hoyt and Anna C. (Stone) Husted, was born March 17, 1861, in Clarksfield township, Huron county, where he was reared, and where he received his primary education at the common schools. In 1885 he was graduated from the Dental Department of the University of Michigan, and commenced the practice of his profession at Troy, Miami Co., Ohio, where he remained for some time. Later he formed a partnership with his brother, H. G. Husted, and they are now conducting an extensive practice in Oberlin. The Doctor was married, April 25, 1889, to Miss Lizzie Hurlburt, of Oberlin, Ohio, and they have had two children, namely: Howard and Edith. Politically Mr. Husted is a Prohibition-Republican, and in religion he is an adherent of the M. E. Church. He is a member of the Northern Ohio Dental Association.

DAVID BURKE is one of the most prominent representative agriculturists of Lorain county, his residence being on Butternut Ridge, Eaton township.

He is a native of New York State, born in 1827, in the town of De Kalb, a son of David and Isabella (McIlwe) Burke, the former of whom, a native of Londonderry, Ireland, when a young man sailed from Belfast for this country, and after his arrival proceeded to De Kalb, N. Y., where he married, and his children were born. From there in March, 1834, the family came to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in Ridgeville township, where the father opened up a farm, subsequently purchasing the Alcott property in the same township. He died in August, 1875, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1872. They reared a family of seven children, all of whom are yet living, as follows: Samuel Burke, married, residing in Indiana; Matthew Burke, married, living in Chicago; Judge Stevenson Burke, of Cleveland;



D. Burke

David Burke, the subject proper of this memoir; Mary J., wife of Henry Smith, of Olmsted Falls, Ohio; James Burke, married, a resident of Ridgeville township, Lorain county; and R chel, wife of Henry Marsh, of Summit county, Colorado.

David Burke received his education at the common schools of Ridgeville township, Lorain county, whither he had come with his parents when seven years old. In early life he went on the lakes, first as fireman on a steam vessel, in course of time being promoted to engineer, remaining in all nine years, during "the cholera year," working on the Sandusky line. On leaving the lakes, he came to Eaton township, and bought six acres of wild land, to which he added from time to time until he now owns 360 acres in Eaton township, and fifty in Ridgeville township. All his property he has greatly improved, and the barn he built—86 x 46 feet—24 foot posts—has a capacity of 200 tons of hay, with basement for cattle and horses. In addition to general farming operations, Mr. Burke trades considerably in horses, matching teams, and so forth.

In 1850 he was married in Ridgeville township to Miss Hannah Kemp, who was born in Kenninghall, England, daughter of Robert and Hannah (Colley) Kemp, also natives of England, who came to America and, in 1830, made a permanent settlement in Ridgeville township, Lorain Co., Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Burke have been born two children: Albert (married), on his father's farm, and Lyman, attending school in Elyria. In his political predilections our subject is a Republican.

DANIEL AUBLE, a widely respected, upright citizen of Penfield township, is a native of the State of Ohio, born July 6, 1828, near Greentown, Stark county. His father, Christopher Auble, was born in Pennsylvania, and his grandfather, Conrad Auble, was a native of Germany.

Christopher Auble was reared to farm life, was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Mary Crumbaugh, also born in that State, of German parentage, and in an early day they came west to Stark county, Ohio, where they resided for some years. In 1829 they moved to Wadsworth township, Medina county, where he purchased 160 acres, all in the woods, erected a small log house, and immediately set to work clearing the land, where he made his home for many years. In their later life, after their children had all married, Mr. and Mrs. Auble removed to Spencer township, Medina county, where he passed from earth at the age of eighty-two years, she at the age of ninety-two, both members of the Evangelical Church. They now lie buried in Spencer cemetery. Mr. Auble was a soldier in the war of 1812, and drew a pension for his services. He was an honest, industrious, hard-working farmer, who accumulated an ample share of this world's goods, and lived to enjoy a comfortable competence. He was actively interested in religious work, and became a minister in the Albright Church, being a naturally bright, intelligent man. His children, ten in number, all became successful, well-to-do citizens.

Daniel Auble was but an infant when his parents removed to Medina county, where he was reared to mandood on the home farm, receiving an education in the common schools. As soon as he was old enough to help, he was put to work clearing the land, and he continued to do general farm work, remaining at home until reaching his majority, and turning over all his earnings to his parents. On September 19, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Ruth E. Space, who was born January 10, 1843, in Spencer township, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Benjamin) Space, and they first located on a rented farm in Spencer township. They then rented various other places for about five years, when Mr. Auble purchased a small tract of land near Spencer Mills,

whence in 1866 they came to Penfield township, Lorain county, locating on the Smith road. Here they resided for about twenty-five years, and in 1891 came to the present farm, which comprises one hundred acres of excellent land. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Auble are as follows: Mary E., Mrs. William Haulk, of Wellington; Alice L., Mrs. George White, of Penfield; Ida J., Mrs. Frank England, of Huntington; Aaron, Francis and Lucius L., at home; and Christopher, deceased. By hard toil and the practice of economy Mr. Auble has met with encouraging success in his life vocation, and though beginning life with almost nothing, he is now a well-to-do farmer citizen, highly esteemed for his square, honest methods in dealing with his fellow-men. In his political predilections he is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, and in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church.

JOHN STANG, railroad and Government contractor, Lorain, is a native of Germany, born February 19, 1836, at Kurhassen, where he was educated, and learned the trade of manufacturer of broadcloth. At the age of nineteen he immigrated to the United States, and after landing came directly to Lorain, Ohio, where he worked first in a shipyard, in the meantime making himself master of the English language. With characteristic energy and his well-known ability he soon advanced himself, and it was not long before he was largely interested in contracting and building, including bridge building for the county, as well as for railroads, in connection with which latter the first bridges he contracted for were on the Cleveland & Akron road, and on the Nickel Plate; he also constructed foundations for iron bridges. Prior to this he had done Government work, chiefly building piers and breakwaters, from which he drifted, in 1881, into harbor dredging. Nor did Mr. Stang confine himself to contracting and building, for in 1864 we find him already deep in the timber business, shipping to New York, Buffalo and Cleveland, and to Quebec (Canada) for foreign shipment; and he is still interested in that line of trade in Ottawa county, Ohio, where he has, in connection, sawmills, stores etc. He more closely confines himself to Government contracts for the building of dry-docks, coal-docks etc., also the raising of sunken vessels, and other such work on the lakes.

Mr. Stang has been twice married, first time, in 1863, to Miss Mary Brown, by whom he has four children: Christina M., wife of H. Little; W. F. and John J., attending to their father's timber interests, and Lizzie, wife of P. Jackson. The mother of these dying in 1875, Mr. Stang married, in 1876, Miss Catherine Brown. In his political sympathies our subject is a Republican; socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum, Knights of the Maccabees and Knights of Honor. In matters of religion he is a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Stang's parents, Augustus and Margaret (Herwig) Stang, were also natives of Kurhassen, Germany, where they passed their lives, and where the father carried on a merchant tailoring business. They were Presbyterians. Their family consisted of six children—four sons and two daughters—of whom the subject of this sketch is fourth in order of birth.

THOMAS ROACH, a prosperous farmer of Eaton township, is a native of Northamptonshire, England, born November 29, 1848, son of John and Elizabeth (Ames) Roach.

The parents of our subject were also natives of the same county in England, and in 1853 came to the United States,

locating first on rented land in Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio. In 1854 the family removed to Ridgeville township, and thence in 1856 to Eaton township, settling on the farm where Thomas Roach now resides, which at that time was but partly improved. The father afterward resided in Carlisle township. He died in 1888; the mother preceded him to the grave, having passed away in the fall of 1853, in Amherst township. They reared a family of seven children, all born in England, a brief record of whom is as follows: Mary was married in England to Samuel Maddock, and now resides in Defiance county, Ohio; Joseph is married, and resides in Nebraska; Ann is the wife of Henry Townsend, of Carlisle township; William enlisted, in 1861, in Amherst township, as a member of Company K, Twenty-third O. V. I., for three years, and was accidentally shot and killed the same year; Betsy, the wife of Henry Montague, resides in Neosha county, Kans.; Sophia is the wife of Peter Watts, of Knightstown, Ind.; Thomas is the subject of this memoir. John Roach took an active interest in politics, and held various local offices of trust, serving as township trustee, member of the school board and road supervisor. In religious faith he was a member of the Disciple Church.

Thomas Roach was reared in England until five years of age, when he came with his parents to Lorain county, Ohio. He received his education in the common schools of Eaton township, and has since been engaged in agriculture, which he has made his life vocation. He now owns the homestead farm, consisting of fifty acres of good land, in a high state of cultivation. In September, 1879, Mr. Roach was married, in Eaton township, to Miss Jennie Artress, a native of England, daughter of William and Mary (Johnson) Artress, who were also born in England; they came from their native country to Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio, removed thence to Elyria, and from Elyria to Grafton (all in Lorain county), finally returning to Elyria, however, where Mrs. Artress still resides. William Artress died in 1884. Mrs. Roach died July 1, 1891, leaving one daughter, Elizabeth Ann. In politics Mr. Roach is a Republican.

LORENZ HORN, furniture dealer, undertaker, and postmaster at North Amherst, was born December 23, 1839, in Hessia, Germany, a son of Andrew and Sophia (Bechstein) Horn, also natives of Hessia. Their parents were born in France, and removed to Germany, where our subject's father and mother are yet living. Andrew Horn served in the German army ten years, and afterward as a Government employe.

Lorenz Horn left the paternal roof in the Fatherland on March 23, 1856, and after a voyage of forty-two days landed in New York, whence he came to Lorain county, Ohio, arriving in North Amherst on June 7 following. Here he made a stop of one week, and then proceeded to Louisville, Ky., where he learned the trade of shoemaker, following same until the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, at which time he enlisted in the Twenty-second Regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, in which he served sixteen months; then enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Regiment, O. V. I., for nineteen months. He was attached to the army of the Cumberland; was at the siege of Charleston, and in pursuit of Morgan at the time of his raid. On his return to the pursuits of peace, Mr. Horn followed his trade of shoemaker until 1871, when he commenced in his present business, which has grown to considerable proportions, and proved very successful.

Mr. Horn was married, August 16, 1863, in North Amherst, to Miss Margaret Ray, a lady of Scotch and German parentage, and six children—one son and five

daughters—were born to them, as follows: Lucy, Emma, Catherine, Daisy, Franklin G. and Pansy. The entire family are members of the Congregational Church, and all assist in the choir. Mr. Horn is an active Republican, and has served his town and county in various offices of trust, such as member of the council, three terms; president of the school board, three years; treasurer, six years, and also clerk. In July, 1887, he received the appointment of postmaster at North Amherst, which incumbency he is yet filling. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R.

ED. HANCE, a leading native-born farmer of Eaton township, first saw the light December 13, 1836, a son of Hiram and Rhoda Ann (Ames) Hance, the former of whom was born in New York, the latter in Massachusetts.

Hiram Hance came to Eaton township, Lorain county, at the age of fourteen. On January 2, 1836, he was married in Grafton township, same county, to Rhoda Ann Ames, and they at once settled on a farm, his previous business having been distilling, which he carried on for some time in Newburg, Cuyahoga county. Children as follows were born to this pioneer couple: Ed., subject of this memoir; Grove, married, residing in Eaton township; Jerome, who died in Eaton township at the age of twenty-seven (he attended Oberlin College, and was a teacher in Lorain county; he died from over-study); Abbie, residing in Philadelphia, Penn.; Florence, deceased April 7, 1883, in Eaton township; and Oscar, married, residing in the township. The father died January 22, 1886, aged seventy-six years; the mother July 2, 1885, aged sixty-five. In politics Mr. Hance was originally a Democrat, his first Republican vote being cast for John C. Fremont, from which time, however, he was a Republican.

Jeremiah and Abbie Hance, grandparents of subject, were natives of Holland, whence in an early day they immigrated to America, settling on Long Island. He was a saltwater sailor for over twenty years in the merchant service, and after leaving the sea carried on a shoemaking business in Long Island and Jersey City, in which latter place he was burned out. In 1821 he came with his family to Eaton township, making a settlement in the woods, where they cleared a farm. Here he died in 1866, aged ninety-seven years, his wife passing away in 1871. The names of the children they brought with them to Ohio are Riley, Hiram, Ira, Charles, Abigail, Sterling, Mary (widow of Theron Jackson, of Delta, Ohio), and Lloyd (married and residing in Liverpool, Medina Co., Ohio). Of these Hiram died January 22, 1886, Ira January 25, 1886, and Abigail January 26, 1886.

Ed. Hance, the subject proper of this biographical sketch, was the first white child born in the southern part of Eaton township. He received a limited education at the district schools of the vicinity, giving only seven months' attendance, but experience and self application brought him up to a fair standard among his confreres. His first business experience was as a boatman on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, and Gulf of Mexico, after which he took up general farming, and has since followed same with marked ability, making a specialty of stock raising. In 1864 he bought 130 acres of land in Eaton township, on which he has erected a comfortable residence and commodious barn, and to which he has added from time to time till he is now owner of 300 acres of prime land in a good state of cultivation.

In September, 1864, Mr. Hance was married in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, to Miss Letitia Emerson, a native of same, and daughter of Asa and Louise (Freeman) Emerson, natives of Maine and Massachusetts, respectively, and early pioneers of Cuyahoga county; Mr. Emerson died

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there June 17, 1890. To this union children as follows were born: George (a sailor, who was drowned November 12, 1886, at Avon Point), Jerome, Willfred, Hubert, Lucretia and Lloyd (twins, the latter of whom died at the age of three years), and Anna. The mother of these passed from earth March 11, 1890. She was a lady of superior literary abilities, and was a writer of considerable merit, several of her productions appearing in Washburn's paper. She was also an excellent judge of fine art, and served on committees. On December 23, 1891, Mr. Hance wedded Mrs. Lucy (Crane) Sprague, widow of Charles Sprague.

In his political associations our subject is a straight Republican, and has served as trustee of Eaton township eleven years —nine in succession. He has been one of the directors of the County Association twenty-two years; president of the County Fair two years, where he invariably makes an exhibit, and has been superintendent of exhibits at Columbus. He is the possessor of the largest individual collection of stone-age implements in the county, and has devoted considerable time to the study of their use and history.

CHARLES S. FERGUSON, editor and proprietor of the Lorain *News*, the only Democratic newspaper published in that town, is a native of Ohio, born in Milan, Erie county, July 15, 1863, and comes in a direct line from an old Scotch family.

P. M. Ferguson, his father, was born November 12, 1833, in Luzerne county, Penn., and received his education at the schools of Dallas in the same county. In 1855 he came west to Ohio, and made a new home in the town of Milan, Erie county, where for a time he followed butchering, then worked in a shipyard, and afterward became a farmer. In 1887 he moved to Lorain, Lorain county, where he is now engaged in the livery business. In 1862 Mr. Ferguson married, at Sandusky, Ohio, Miss Mary A. Smith, and three children have been born to them, viz.: Charles S., Nettie M. and Ada P. In politics the son of whom we write in no way differs from the father, who is a "true blue" Democrat.

Charles S. Ferguson received a liberal education at the public schools of his native town, and at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, three years. On his return home he took up the profession of civil engineering and became surveyor for Erie county, an incumbency he filled from 1885 to 1888, in which latter year he came to Lorain, and in 1889 established the first and only Democratic newspaper in the place. The *News* is a bright, newsy weekly, and, under Mr. Ferguson's sole proprietorship and editorship, it is bound to succeed and make its mark in the arena of journalism.

CAPT. ALEXANDER McPHAIL, a well-known captain on the Great Lakes, and a citizen of Lorain, was born September 7, 1831, at Greenock, on the Clyde, Scotland, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (McKennon) McPhail, both of whom were also natives of Scotland. The father was a sailor, and died in his native country in 1838, and in 1873 his widow came to America, locating in Lorain, Lorain Co., Ohio, where she died in 1889.

Alexander McPhail was reared on the banks of the Clyde, and received his education in the schools of his native country. At the age of about fourteen he commenced to lead a sea-faring life, and he has made sailing his life vocation. For seven years he served on vessels sailing from Liverpool and Glasgow to the East and West Indies, and he also made a trip around the world. In August, 1851, he left the vessel at Montreal, and coming to

Cleveland, Ohio, has since been identified with the Great Lakes, for many years as captain, sailing from Buffalo to Chicago, and along the entire chain of the lakes. Since 1852 he has been a resident of Lorain.

On December 20, 1858, Mr. McPhail was married to Miss Annie Ludlum, a native of Lorain, this county, whose father, Henry Ludlum, was a native of New Jersey, and was a mason by trade. He married Annie Howsworth, a native of Germany, and they located in Ridgeville, Ohio, in an early day, thence coming to Lorain, where they passed the remainder of their lives. To the union of Alexander and Annie McPhail were born six children, four of whom are now living, viz.: Frances, wife of Lewis Hoffman, of Lorain; Charles, an engineer, residing at home; Henry, at home, and Elizabeth. The mother of these children died in November, 1891. In politics the Captain supports the principles of the Republican party, and socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. In religious faith he is a member of the M. E. Church, with which he has been identified since 1857.

DAVID A. RAWSON, one of those noble old pioneers who has been spared by the ravages of time, was born October 12, 1819, in Grafton, Lorain Co., Ohio.

The father of our subject, Grindall Rawson, was born in West Southbridge, Mass., in 1792, a son of Samuel Grindall Rawson, who was by trade a wagon-maker, and from Massachusetts moved to Genesee county, N. Y., whence after about one year he came (in 1816) to Ohio, landing first at Cleveland, then a collection of huts. From there he walked to Liverpool, Medina county, thence to Grafton township, Lorain county, at that time a primeval wilderness, where yet roamed the Indian and many a savage wild animal. His father had traded land in Connecticut for a tract in Grafton township, and his sons Grindall and Jonathan selected 160 acres each near where the village of Grafton now stands, after which Grindall returned to Genesee county, N. Y., and for some time made his home with one Hanford Boughton.

In 1817 Grindall Rawson once more came to Ohio, and permanently located on his 160 acres, bravely setting to work to clear the land, erecting at first a rude log cabin. Here he married Maria Ashley, a native of Massachusetts, and daughter of David Ashley, who came as a pioneer to Grafton township, settling near the Center. To this union were born children as follows: David A., the subject of sketch; Angelo D., a farmer of Eaton township; a son that died when two months old; Henry, a farmer, who died in San Diego, Cal., where he had gone in search of health; Rachel, Mrs. Samuel Wilson, of Windsor, Ashtabula Co., Ohio; Adaline, of Prescott, Wis.; Phebe, Mrs. Cassana Lovejoy, of Cleveland, and Theodore, who died when a young man. Mr. Rawson followed his trade in connection with farming, and was one of the leading men of his time. When he first came to Grafton township, in order to get his milling done he had to go to the Tuscarawas river, a nine-days' trip through the woods, and oxen were the only beasts of burden. He cleared all his land, which at the time of his death amounted to over 300 acres, and he was looked upon as a hard-working, thrifty man. He died May 21, 1876, his wife about two years afterward, and both lie buried in Center cemetery. Politically he was originally an Old-line Whig, later a Republican.

David A. Rawson, whose name opens this sketch, was educated at the subscription schools of the period, one Samuel Curtis being his first teacher, and his attendance was limited to a few months in the winter season. In January, 1845, he was married to Miss Amanda M. Jadwin,

a native of the State of Massachusetts, daughter of Rensselaer Jadwin, who came to Lorain county, Ohio, in pioneer times. After marriage our subject and his young wife located on eighty-four acres of land which he paid for out of his savings, the amount being four hundred and eighty dollars. Here he has since continued to live, and has seen his property converted from a howling wilderness into a smiling, fertile farm. To him and his wife were born four children, to wit: J. Henry, who died when four years old; J. A., a leading farmer of Grafton; Eva, Mrs. George Cragin, of Grafton; and William T., who died at the age of sixteen years. The mother of these departed this life in May, 1876, a consistent member of the M. E. Church. In his political preferences Mr. Rawson is a stanch Republican, formerly an Old-line Whig, and while not a member of church, he is a Universalist in sentiment. He has always been a hard worker, has managed well, and he is one of the successful farmers in Grafton township.

S. G. COLE, prominent among the successful agriculturists of Columbia township, is a native of same, born December 31, 1842, a son of William A. and Electa A. (Smith) Cole.

William A. Cole was born in Connecticut in 1816, a son of John and Bethany (Cole) Cole, natives of the same State, who in 1828 came with their family to Lorain county, settling in Columbia township on 600 acres of wild land. The journey from Connecticut to Cleveland was made by water and occupied three weeks, the rest of the trip being made on foot. John Cole died in 1851, his wife about six months later. A brief record of their children is as follows: Constant G., who married and lived in Elyria, was county surveyor for nine years, and was drowned in the Black river; W. G., married, resides in Ridgeville township; William A. is spoken of further on in this sketch; John resides in Columbia township; Mary (twin sister of John), who became the wife of Thomas Churchwood, died in Berea, Ohio; Nathaniel N. resides in Columbia township.

W. A. Cole was twelve years old when he came to Lorain county, so the greater part of his education was received in Connecticut, the remainder in Columbia township. He is a lifelong agriculturist, and he is now owner of ninety-seven acres of prime land, upon which he makes his home. In 1841 he was married, in Columbia township, to Miss Electa A. Smith, a native of New York, whose father was a sheriff in Pennsylvania, and was killed while making an arrest. Five children were born to this union, viz.: S. G., subject proper of sketch; Ezra, residing in Michigan, who is married and has seven children—Mary, Stella, Dolly, Viola, Mabel, Earl and Inez; Ora, married and residing in Kansas, who has one son, Clarence; Zelora, residing in Eaton township, who is married and has two children, Roy and Ralph; and Nettie, the wife of George Allen, of Columbia township, who has two children, Ray and Floyd. When Mr. Cole first came to Columbia township, there were only a few people in it, and his family is now the oldest extant. He and his wife have been members of the Baptist Church for over fifty years.

S. G. Cole received a liberal education at the schools of his native township, and three years at Oberlin. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and in early manhood commenced teaching school, a vocation he followed for twenty winters in Columbia township, all the time in adjoining districts, his summers being occupied in farming. He owned, at first, twenty-five acres, which has since been added to until he has now one hundred and ninety acres of excellent land. On December 25, 1865, Mr. Cole was married, in Columbia township, to Miss Lydia A. Robinson, a native of Summit county, Ohio, daughter

of Daniel and Julia (Wilson) Robinson—he a native of New York, she of New Jersey; in an early day they came to Summit county, Ohio, where they married, afterward, in 1842, moving to Columbia township, Lorain county, and settling on a farm where the father is yet living; the mother died in 1874. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cole, as follows: Willie D., married, and living on a farm (he has one son, Leon); and George H., living at home, who was married December 25, 1893, to Miss Jennie Longbon. A Democrat in politics, our subject has served his township as clerk, also as trustee several terms, and he has been a justice of the peace for three years. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church at Columbia Center, of which he is a trustee.

JOHN PORTER, a retired, honored resident of the town of Rochester, is a native of New York State, born in Montgomery county July 18, 1810.

William Porter (father of subject), also a native of Montgomery county, N. Y., was born July 19, 1789, a son of John Porter. He (William) learned the trade of fanning-mill maker of an uncle, Aaron Porter, and this business he worked at, more or less, during the rest of his life. On April 24, 1808, in Montgomery county, N. Y., he married Dolly Smith, who was born June 13, 1790, a daughter of John Smith, and here their firstborn, John, the subject of these lines, came into the world. In 1813 this little family moved to Aurelius township, Cayuga county, same State, locating on a twenty-five-acre tract about six miles southwest of Auburn, which land William cultivated, at the same time following his trade. Here the home circle was increased by two more children—Martha, born September 29, 1812, married to Jacob Hershey in Genesee county, N. Y., and died February 20, 1839, in Ruggles township, Ashland Co., Ohio; and Sanford, born June 4, 1815, who died April 6, 1862, in Jasper county, Iowa. In the early part of 1819 the family removed to Livonia, Livingston Co., N. Y., where Mr. Porter bought twenty-five acres, having sold his property in Cayuga county; and here he labored chiefly on his farm, doing but little at his trade. Another ray of sunshine entered the Porter home in the coming of the fourth child in the person of Maria A., who was born April 25, 1819, and died August 26, 1849, in Ruggles, Ashland county. After a three-years residence in Livonia the family again moved, this time to Lima, same county, and for a period of nine years the husband and father continued at his trade, meeting with very fair success. The remainder of his family were born there, to wit: Enoch, born July 1, 1821, now of New London, Ohio; William George, born January 15, 1823, who died in Ruggles, Ashland Co., Ohio, February 7, 1882; and Jacob, born February 16, 1825, who died November 20, 1857, in Ruggles, Ohio.

About the year 1830 William Porter, having purchased a farm in Genesee county, N. Y., removed his family thither, and in the fall of 1832 they came to Ohio. In the previous spring the father, together with his eldest son (our subject) and a brother-in-law, Jacob Hershey, had come to Ohio for the purpose of looking up land. To Buffalo, N. Y., they traveled by team, thence by lake vessel to Sandusky, Ohio, from which town they walked through the woods to Ruggles, Huron (now in Ashland) county, "blazing" their way as they went. In what was then the northwest corner of Ashland county, and is now the southeast corner of Huron county, Mr. Porter bought 200 acres of the wildest of wild land—a four-mile journey from the nearest gleam of civilization—for which he paid two dollars per acre. Returning to Genesee county, N. Y., in the following fall, these "avant-couriers" made the necessary preparations to transport the entire Porter family to their new Ohio home. They all made the

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journey in a wagon, driven by William Porter, except our subject and Mr. Hershey, who came by water, arriving in advance of the rest of the party. The latter arrived in the section of where their new home was to be on a certain dark night, without the slightest knowledge of their whereabouts; but finding the cabin of a settler, by name Leebow, they enquired of him how they should proceed to reach the settlement of Jacob Rohrback, which was to be their temporary abiding place. Making a torch out of a kindled strip of hickory bark, the only light to be had, Leebow set out in front of the benighted travelers; but though comparatively well acquainted with the locality he lost his way, and in the dense, dark, wild-beast-haunted forest they wandered about until dawn, when at last they found the long-sought haven. At Rohrback's place they remained a short time, while John and Hershey were building, for their reception, on their own land, a rude log cabin, at that time having neither door, floor nor window, but which later was made more complete and comfortable. When the family came to Ohio Mrs. Porter brought along enough soap to last them through the first year, and when that had been exhausted they found that they could get no grease to make another supply. This difficulty, however, was overcome by young Porter, who supplied the grease by killing hedgehogs, and dressing them and rendering the fat. During their first winter in this forest home the family cleared four acres, and, following spring, planted corn, sowing it in depressions made in the soil by sinking an old axe in it between the numerous beech stumps that almost covered the surface of the clearing. Considering the primitive condition of things, a remarkably good crop was gathered the succeeding fall; and so year by year these brave pioneers, nothing daunted, kept improving their little farm, clearing it gradually of both trees and stumps, and erecting outbuildings as necessity demanded. The father lived to see that entire section transformed from its primeval state into prosperous farms surrounded with blossoming gardens and smiling fields of grain. He died February 7, 1872, and was buried in the cemetery at New London, Huron county, by the side of his wife, who had preceded him to the "Land of the leal" June 1, 1866. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Porter, in his political sympathies, was originally an Old-line Whig, and, after its organization, a faithful member of the Republican party.

John Porter, whose name introduces this sketch, being the eldest in his father's family, had the lion's share of hard work to do, but he found time, prior to coming to Ohio, to secure a good subscription-school education, besides learning the trade of fanning-mill maker. After coming to Ohio he bought of his father (on credit) one hundred acres of the latter's original purchase, and this by untiring energy and hard work he succeeded in clearing and converting into a well-cultivated farm. Immediately after marriage he and his bride took up their residence in a newly erected log cabin on his farm, and this he left in 1881, coming with his wife into the town of Rochester, Lorain county, which has since been his home.

On September 26, 1837, Mr. Porter married Miss Sally Clarke, born in Cayuga county, N. Y., a daughter of Nathaniel Clarke, who came to Troy township, Ashland county, in an early day. To this union children as follows were born: William, a Methodist minister of Kansas; Franklin, who died at the age of thirty years in Rowlesburgh, Ashland Co., Ohio, where he was a merchant; Leander R., of Troy, Ashland Co., Ohio, a horseman; Martha E., who died when three years old; and Alice F., Mrs. Joseph Yacomb, of Wellington, Ohio. Mrs. Sally Porter died May 24, 1876, and was buried in the family lot at New London, Huron county. For his second wife Mr. Porter married June 16, 1878, Miss Martha Beck, a native of Harrison county, Ohio.

Mr. Porter is a living example of what may be accomplished by industry, resolution and thrift. His methods through life have always been most exemplary, and the motto "The Golden Rule" he has assiduously observed. He never was sued, and never sued any one. Although a time-honored Whig and Republican from principle, his first Presidential vote was cast for Andrew Jackson, but that was his last polling for a Democratic administration. In both Ruggles township and Rochester he has served in offices of trust faithfully and satisfactorily. In religious faith he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, of which he is trustee.

CHRISTIAN SCHWARZ, one of that class of indefatigable Germans who prosper better after reverses, and whose motto and watchword is "Verzage nicht," was born March 14, 1833, in Fraudenthal, Würtemberg, a son of Christian Schwarz, who in the Fatherland was by trade a confectioner. There were eleven children in the family, eight of whom grew to be men and women. The father died in 1849, the mother two and one-half years before him. They were much respected people, honest and industrious, and in good circumstances.

The subject of our sketch received all his education in his native country, not having attended any schools since coming to America, but nevertheless he can read and write English fairly well. In his boyhood he partly learned the trade of butcher, and after his father's death he returned to it, to serve a regular apprenticeship, the premium paid by him for same being sixty-five guilders, equal to about twenty-five dollars United States money. At the end of nine months he passed an examination, and then in August, 1851, with some money he had received from his guardian, he started for the United States, sailing from Havre, France, on the ship "Baltimore" for New York. He was without any friend or relative when he cast his last look on the Fatherland, but, though yet a lad of seventeen summers, was possessed of a stout heart, a strong determination and a willing pair of hands. At the end of thirty days he found himself in New York—a stranger in a strange land—and hastening on westward he reached Cleveland, Ohio, on September 25, one dollar in debt, for he had been assisted by a friend whose acquaintance he made on the voyage. In that city he obtained work at his trade, and for five years was with George Ross. Later he embarked in the butchering business for his own account, and prospered beyond his expectations, for at one time he was worth as much as twenty thousand dollars; but later, owing to the fall in price of cattle, of which he had a quantity en route, he suffered severe loss. In Cleveland he remained till 1869, in which year he came to Liverpool, Medina county, whence after three years he moved to Grafton township, Lorain county, where he has since resided, engaged in the butchering business and farming. He has bought a great deal of cattle in his day, his experience eminently qualifying him for being an expert in that line, and made a great deal of money; but reverses came sufficient to discourage almost any other man, yet he was never discouraged. He now owns in Grafton township 150 acres of prime land, equipped with good buildings, his good wife having nobly done her share toward the accumulation and improvement of the property. Politically he is a zealous member of the Democratic party.

In 1857, while residing in Cleveland, Mr. Schwarz was married to Christina Bleil, born in Liverpool township, Medina Co., Ohio, December 22, 1835, daughter of John Bleil. She is a typical German-American lady, and has been of invaluable assistance to her husband in both prosperity and adversity. She was on a visit

to a married sister in Cleveland when she met and was married to Mr. Schwarz. Her father was among the early residents of Liverpool township, whither he had come from Germany in 1831. In 1846, with his wife and six children, all stowed in a two-horse wagon, he made a trip to Wisconsin with the intention of settling there, and arrived at the end of a three-weeks' pretty rough journey. After a two-years' residence in Rock county, they concluded to return to Ohio, and on their way spent a Sunday in Chicago, the "World's Fair City," then a very unpromising muddy little town, which Mrs. Schwarz remembers well. The children born to our subject and wife were as follows: Charles, a butcher by trade, and working on the farm; Frederick, a carpenter, of Missouri; Albert, a farmer, also of Missouri; Ida, Mrs. E. R. Mennells, of California; Caroline, deceased; Rosa, residing at home; and Bertha, Mrs. John Bezing, of Grafton.

F. A. GREENE, a retired ship captain, and farmer of LaGrange township, was born March 10, 1836, in St. Lawrence county, New York.

He is a son of Frederick and Betsey (Beverly) Greene, the former of whom was a farmer in New York State, and later moved to near Watertown, Jefferson county, whence in 1843 he came to Ohio. He had four children, viz.: Fordice B., who was a soldier in the Federal army, and died in the service; Vint Roy, now of Mendon, Mich.; Aurora, now Mrs. Sylvester Parsons, of Michigan; and F. A., subject of this sketch. Frederick Greene brought his family in a covered wagon drawn by one horse, and they located in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, where he had bargained for forty acres of land. He intended to pay for that land and make a home there, but one day while chopping in the woods his axe was so caught while he was carrying it, in getting away from a falling tree, that it struck him, the wound causing his death. He was buried in Ridgeville cemetery. The mother kept the family together a short while, but she too was soon called from earth, dying June 30, 1849.

Being thus left an orphan at an early age, our subject, through force of circumstances, left home to battle with the world alone. For six months he lived with Levi Tomlinson, but, being dissatisfied, left and went to Avon township, concluding after a short stay there, however, that Cleveland would be a better place for him. Taking all his earthly effects, which he easily carried in a handkerchief, he set out on foot for the city, which was twenty-two miles distant; and so anxious was he to reach his destination that he ran more of the way than he walked. Shortly after going to Cleveland he shipped on board the propeller "Oneida," bound for Chicago, carrying principally immigrants, and made eight trips on her that season. He next went out on the scow "Commodore Lawrence," as cook, where he served satisfactorily, and during the winter season, when navigation closed, he found employment carrying cross country mails from Vermillion to New London. For a long time he made his home with Capt. Judson, of Vermillion, becoming very much attached to him and his family. For many years he was employed by Mr. Bradley, then so well-known among vesselmen, with whom he remained thirty-five years, serving as cook, mate and captain, and proving efficient, thorough, faithful and trustworthy in all these positions. In the season of 1892 he shipped for three months on the vessel "Ida Keich," and this was the last work he did on the lakes. Mr. Greene has been one of the most successful men on the lakes; he was sailing for nearly fifty years, and during that time never lost a doller for either the underwriters or his employers.

On December 22, 1863, Mr. Greene was married to Miss Lucy Underhill, who was

born in LaGrange, daughter of Dr. G. C. Underhill, the well-known medical practitioner in that place; they had met at Berea University, which institution both attended. To this marriage came three children, as follows: Hettie E., now the wife of Rev. W. W. Long, a Methodist Episcopal minister, of Ashland county, Ohio; Mary, who died in 1881; and George Judson, residing at home. After his marriage our subject located at Vermillion, thence removing to Cleveland and later to LaGrange. In 1875 he moved to Oberlin, returning to LaGrange in 1886, in which village he erected a very comfortable house, which he afterward sold, erecting another dwelling, which he still owns, and which is one of the pleasantest residences in the town. He now resides on eighty acres of land, bought from the tract of Dr. G. C. Underhill, where he now finds pleasure in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Greene is a self-made man, having by hard work and incessant toil risen to his present prosperous position, undergoing all the hardships incident to the lot of a twelve-year-old boy on board a vessel, and endeavoring to obtain an education. Mr. Greene is a Democrat, but takes little interest in politics; he was formerly a great admirer of Stephen Douglas. Mrs. Greene is a member of the Methodist Church.

LESTER J. RICHMOND, a prosperous, self-made citizen of Penfield township, was born November 22, 1842, in Akron, Ohio, son of Charles B. and Matilda (Welton) Richmond. He was one of twins, the other named Lucy J.

Our subject received the greater part of his education before reaching the age of sixteen, in the meantime being reared to farming pursuits on the home place, and also working out for other farmers. In August, 1862, he enlisted, at Penfield, in Company B, First Ohio Light Artillery, and went into camp at Cleveland, whence the command was sent to Louisville, Ky. They took part in the battles of Perryville, Wild Cat, Murfreesboro, and Chickamauga, and thence went to Nashville, Tenn., where they remained for some time. Mr. Richmond was never wounded, but he lay sick three months with fever and other camp ailments at Hospital No. 1, Nashville, where he was his own physician. At the close of the war he was discharged at Nashville, and returned to Penfield, where he resided with his parents, and in the following season went to Geneva, Ashtabula county, where he worked as a farm hand.

On November 13, 1866, Mr. Richmond was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Dolgleish, who was born December 10, 1843, in Penfield township, daughter of Robert Dolgleish, who came hither from Scotland. After marriage Mr. Richmond lived for a short time with his father, and then rented a farm in LaGrange township, where he made his home for one year. He next removed to the center of Penfield township, where he was employed one year in a sawmill, thence going to Wellington township, where he acted as superintendent on the farm of Edwin Hensdale. He then took up his home in Wakeman township, Huron county, and for three years took contracts for furnishing cordwood for the Lake Shore Railway Company. At the end of this time he purchased sixty acres of land in Ross township, Wood Co., Ohio, which he cleared and improved, and whereon he resided for seven years, when he rented it and returned to Penfield township, taking charge of the home farm for a year. He next rented a farm in the northeast corner of Penfield township, later removing to Wellington village for the benefit of his children's education, and finally, in March, 1889, returning to Penfield township, and locating on the farm of 198 acres which he still occupies. To Mr. and Mrs. Richmond have been born children as follows: Elmer A., who lives

on the home place, which is the oldest farm in the township, having been taken up by Peter Penfield, after whom the township was named (the first sawmill built and operated in the township is on this place); Frank E., of Huntington; Nora, Mrs. Waller Hull, of Wellington, Ohio; Mamie, who died young; and Victoria and Robert, at home. In politics our subject is a Republican, and in religious connection he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church, in which he is a deacon.

JAMES GAWN (deceased) was born in the Isle of Man, in August, 1829, and died in Lorain county, Ohio, January 23, 1885.

When three years old he came with his parents to the United States, and to Lorain county, Ohio. In Black River township he followed blacksmithing and farming till 1848, in which year he was united in marriage with Miss Louisa E. Barnes, and the young couple then for seven years made their home in the village of North Amherst. In 1855 Mr. Gawn purchased the farm of one hundred acres in Amherst township, where he passed the remainder of his days, and where his widow now resides. Three children were born to this marriage, viz.: Ellen, wife of H. N. Steele, of North Amherst (they have four children); Henry J.; and Marion E., who died September 6, 1888.

Henry J. Gawn, only son of James and Louisa E. (Barnes) Gawn, was born in Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio, June 25, 1855. He received his education at the common schools on Middle Ridge, Amherst township, and learned the trade of blacksmith with his father, at which he works a little, but is chiefly engaged in farming. In 1888 he was married to Miss Melissa Swartwood, of Amherst township, and one child, Frank, has been born to them. Henry J. Gawn operates a nice farm of thirty-six acres devoted to general agriculture. Politically he is a Democrat, and takes a lively interest in all county affairs.

Mrs. Louisa E. Gawn was born, reared and educated in Amherst township, when there was little else than wild woods, and settlers were, literally, "few and far between." She was born August 27, 1828, a daughter of Ezekiel G. and Elvira (Harrington) Barnes, the former of whom was born September 1, 1799, in Old Becket, Mass., and came with his parents to Amherst, Lorain county, in 1817. In 1825 he revisited the East, and was there married same year to Miss Elvira Harrington, who was born March 5, 1805, in Massachusetts. Returning to Amherst township, he continued agricultural pursuits, and became prosperous. He and his wife were the parents of five children, viz.: Gilbert H., a resident of Amherst township; Louisa E., widow of James Gawn; G. Monroe, who died in 1891, leaving a widow; Henry D., deceased in 1869, and Sardis N., a prominent farmer of Amherst township. The father was called from earth December 18, 1881, the mother on January 29, 1888.

DAVID BRICKNELL. The stalwart sons of England are to be found the wide world over, ever aggressive, plodding, loyal and honest. Such an one is the subject of this brief sketch.

Mr. Bricknell was born March 8, 1840, in Northamptonshire, England, a son of John and Mary Bricknell, who both died in that county. He received his education at the country schools of his native parish, and was brought up a farmer lad. He hired out twelve years as farmers' servant, and in 1866 he married, in England, Miss Sarah Ann Townsend, who was born May 13, 1841, a native of Warwickshire,

a daughter of William Townsend. For six and one-half years he filled the position of under gardener for one employer, and during that time two children had been born —Ellen and Emily. In 1875 Mr. Bricknell immigrated to the United States, coming to Lorain county, Ohio, living and working in Elyria the first year. He then rented a small farm, and also worked in Elyria as gardener. For the next five years he rented farms, and during that time two more children were born—Rosa and Daisy Josephine. In 1882 he bought his present farm of fifty acres, all in a good state of cultivation, and here he successfully carries on general farming. Of the children, Ellen, who is the wife of Frank Bowman, resides in Eaton township (they have one child, Cora May); Emily, wife of Richard Tran, of Grafton township, has three children: Goldie May, Sylva Bell and Roy Richard.

In his political preferences Mr. Bricknell is independent; he and his wife are members of the Disciple Church at North Eaton. He is a typical self-made man, having from a commencement of nothing accumulated all he owns by hard labor, honest toil, and judicious economy.

LEGRAND ROOT, the only one left of the old settlers in the northeast quarter of Wellington township, is a native of Connecticut, born in Litchfield, March 18, 1831, a son of William R. and Serena (Terrell) Root.

Grandfather Root was a native of England, and immigrated to the American Colonies before the Revolutionary war. In that struggle he enlisted in the cause of the patriots, and participated in the engagement that led to the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne; also served as one of Washington's aids, and was captured by the British, but subsequently exchanged. After the close of the war, he was leading his regiment on a march, and in crossing a bridge the structure gave way, killing him and several of his men. His son William R., father of subject, was born about the period of the Revolutionary struggle in one of the New England States. He married Miss Serena Terrell, and when their son, Legrand, was four years old, they came to Ohio, locating first in Eaton township, Lorain county, then in Wellington township, on the farm now owned by our subject. Finally Mr. Root moved to Allegan county, Mich., where he and his wife died during the same year, she at the age of sixty-nine years. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the following is a brief record: Eliza married L. L. West, of Minnesota, where they reside; Legrand is the subject of this sketch; Leroy lives in Kansas (during the Civil war he entered the Union army, and was with Sherman on his march from Atlanta to the sea); Amarilla, who married H. Oliver, resides in Michigan; Charlotte, who was the wife of John Everatts, died in Michigan; Finette died when about eighteen years old; Rosette is married to A. D. Wallers, and resides in Dakota; Sarah Ann, who was a school teacher in Kansas, married Abner Folk, of Rich county, that State; George is deceased; Benjamin Franklin died in childhood.

Legrand Root, of whom this sketch more particularly relates, was married in 1855 to Miss Lucinda Kelsey, born in Huntington township, Lorain county, in September, 1835, and the young couple then settled on his present farm of 220 acres well-improved land. Prior to this he had lived for a time in Eaton, then in Huntington township, same county, and in 1851 went to California on a prospecting tour, but soon returned. In addition to general farming Mr. Root carries on dairying to a considerable extent, and he is progressive and prosperous. The children born to this marriage, seven in number, were as follows: Those deceased are Leroy, who died when aged four years; Aner, when aged

two years; Albert, when aged twenty-seven years (he was married and had one child); Dennis, when aged sixteen years (this was the youngest child); those living are: Emery, married, who has one child, Elmer; Mary, wife of Arnold Taylor, of Lodi, Ohio; Ada, residing at home, who was educated in Wellington township, and is now teaching school in Huntington township. Politically our subject is a stanch Republican, and, during the dark days of the Rebellion, showed his loyalty to the Union cause by subscribing to the Government liberally of his means. Mr. Root is a man of more than average education and ability, and is well informed on all the public issues of the day.

RAYMOND HAVEN, for forty-six years a resident of Eaton township, where his name is "familiar as household words," is a native of Portage county, Ohio, born in Shalersville in 1823.

He is a son of John Haven, a native of Vermont, who came on foot to Ohio when a young man, settling on a farm in Portage county, and becoming prosperous and comparatively wealthy. He here married Miss Julia Sanford, and reared the following family of children: Annis, deceased in Portage county; Raymond; John, deceased in Portage county; Julia, living in Ohio; George, married, residing in Bloomingdale, Mich. The father of these died in 1882, the mother in 1853. Politically Mr. Haven was a Republican, and served as township trustee.

Raymond Haven received a liberal school training in Portage county, Ohio, was brought up a practical farmer, and has always made general agriculture his business, principally dairying, in which he has met with unqualified success. In 1847 he came with a team from Shalersville to Eaton township, Lorain county, and bought eighty acres of partly improved land, having thereon a log house and barn, in lieu of which Mr. Haven in course of time erected a one and one-half story house, 24 x 40, with two L one-story wings; also a commodious barn. To his original purchase of eighty acres he has added from time to time until he now owns 321 acres. In 1845 Mr. Haven married, in Portage county, Miss Lucinda C. Scouten, a native of that county, daughter of John Scouten, an early pioneer of same. To this union children as follows have been born: Ellen, wife of Locks Lemert, of Kansas; Alice, who married Laban Lemert, and died in Ohio, July 23, 1873; George, who died April 30, 1865; Julia, wife of Oscar Durkee, of Eaton township; Frank, married, residing in Eaton township, who owns a good farm given him by his father; Newton, married, residing in Eaton township (he owns a good farm); Hattie, wife of William Sawyer, of Eaton township; Jennie, who died January 23, 1867; and Myra, wife of Charles Sawyer, a merchant of Grafton. Politically our subject is a Republican, and he has served as trustee of Eaton township. He and his wife are members of the Disciple Church, in which he has been a deacon for some forty-five years. He has made all he owns by industry and frugality, and is listed among the most successful of Lorain county's farmer citizens.

ARTHUR WALKDEN, a leader in the agricultural community of Columbia township, is a native of England, a "Lancashire lad," born in that county in November, 1823, third son of William and Mary (Blundell) Walkden.

The parents of our subject were natives of Devonshire, England, whence in 1826 they emigrated to this country, locating first in Lowell, Mass., where they worked

in factories, moving in 1833 westward to Ohio, living in Newburgh one year, and then settling on a farm in Cuyahoga county. The father died in Berea, Ohio, in April, 1873, aged ninety-two, the mother in September, 1857, in Cuyahoga county, at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Walkden had been twice married, and by his first wife had three children, viz.: John, who remained in England; Jane, Mrs. John Bainbridge, who died in Ridgeville township; and William, who came to Lorain county in 1843, died on the ocean in 1879. By his marriage with Miss Mary Blundell he had children as follows: Alice, who died in 1890 in Cuyahoga county; James, who died in 1875 in Lowell, Mass.; Thomas, residing in Cuyahoga county; Ann, widow of Eastman Bradford, of Berea; Mary, widow of Joseph Chevalier, of Berea; Arthur, residing in Columbia township; Peter, who came to Lorain in an early day, and died in Ridgeville township in 1880; Richard; Peggy, deceased; and Margaret, widow of Henry Woods, of Cuyahoga county.

Arthur Walkden was a three-year-old boy when his parents brought him to the United States, and was about ten years old when they came to Cuyahoga county, where he was educated and learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed for some years after coming to Columbia township in 1843. Here he made a settlement in the woods, having bought thirty-seven acres of improved land, to which he has from time to time added until now he has 226 acres all in a good state of cultivation. In 1846 he was married to Miss Tirzah Wetton, a native of Derbyshire, England, and daughter of Thomas and Mary (Holden) Wetton, of the same county, who, in 1833, came to Hamilton, N. Y., and thence in 1842 to Columbia township, Lorain county, settling where our subject now resides. The father died in 1879, aged seventy-eight years; the mother survived him till March 31, 1893; they were members of the M. E. Church, and politically Mr. Wetton was a Republican. Three children were born to them, namely: Tirzah, Mrs. Walkden; Harriet, who married Joseph Chamberlain, and died in Columbia township in 1856; and Samantha, wife of John Meehan, of Denver, Colorado.

After marriage our subject resided on his present farm till 1857, in which year he went to San Francisco, Cal., by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and there remained two and one-half years, working at his trade, at the end of which time he returned to Columbia township. Politically Mr. Walkden is a prominent Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at West View, Cuyahoga county, in which he has been steward for several years, and is now serving as trustee.

SV. R. HOWARD. Prominent in the front rank of the wealthy and intelligent agriculturists of Rochester township is found the gentleman whose name is here recorded.

He is a son of Morris Howard, a farmer, who was born in Andover, Windsor Co., Vt., where he married Hannah, daughter of William Smith. To them were born seven children—three sons and four daughters. In 1836 Morris Howard came to Ohio with his family, making the journey with three horses and two wagons, their first tarrying place being Elyria, Lorain county, whence after a month's residence with a relative there, they moved to Richland county, now Ashland county, locating for a year near the town of Ashland. The father at this time made a trade with one Smith for a farm in Rochester township, Lorain county, the same one whereon our subject now resides. At that time but a few acres were cleared on it, and for some years Morris Howard lived there. Later he moved to Racine, Wis., and died there at

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the age of seventy-seven years; his wife had passed away in her fifty-seventh year.

S. V. R. Howard was born September 3, 1817, in Andover, Windsor Co., Vt., at the subscription schools of which town he received his education. He was reared to farm life, and in early youth worked from home at fifty cents per day, at that time considered fair wages. He was, as will be seen, nineteen years old when he came to Ohio with the rest of his father's family, and when yet a young man he set out on foot for Illinois, his purpose being to make a tour of that then new territory, but returned eastward, satisfied that there was no place like home. On December 11, 1843, he married Miss Barbara Bowman, who was born June 11, 1821, in Orange township, Ashland Co., Ohio, a daughter of John N. Bowman, and his next residence was in a house erected by himself immediately opposite his present home. Children were born to this marriage, the following being a brief record of same: Mary J. is the wife of H. K. Kob, of Findlay, Ohio; Laurilla is the wife of Chester Chorpening, of Benton Harbor, Mich.; Lydia is married to E. M. June, of Greenwich, Ohio; Lillian is married to Thomas Whitney, of Benton Harbor, Mich.; Charles G. is a farmer of Rochester township, married to Miss Emma Fast, of Troy township, Ashland Co., Ohio; Cynthia is the wife of Thomas Landis, of Rochester. The mother of these died October 11, 1882, and was buried in Rochester cemetery; she was a member of the Lutheran Church. On February 2, 1885, Mr. Howard married Miss Emily Bowman, born April 18, 1835, in Green township, Mahoning Co., Ohio, a daughter of Joshua and Mary (Reed) Bowman, who came from Washington county, Penn., to Ohio, being among the first settlers of Ellsworth township, Mahoning county, at that time an unknown forest. Mrs. Howard, who is well educated and highly cultivated, taught district school no less than twenty-nine terms in Mahoning and Columbiana counties, Ohio.

Mr. Howard's first purchase of land was seventy-five acres at eleven dollars per acre, which still forms a part of his splendid farm of over five hundred acres, lying partly in Lorain county, and partly in Huron. He is a typical self-made farmer, enjoying the most robust health, and still capable of doing a long day's work. In his political predilections he was originally a Whig, of later years a Republican, and has held the office of township trustee several years. Mrs. Howard, well-known, most popular and highly respected, is an exemplary member of the Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE E. HILL. Prominent among the citizens of Ridgeville township, in both public and private life, stands this gentleman, who is a native of the county, born in Eaton township, October 16, 1852.

Mr. Hill is a son of Edward and Jane (Gulliford) Hill, natives of England, who in the year 1849 immigrated to the United States, settling in Eaton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where the father died September 10, 1889; the mother is yet residing at the old homestead. The subject of our sketch received a good practical education in the schools of his native township, and was reared to the arduous duties of the farm. In 1889 he left Eaton township, and moved to his present place in Ridgeville township, comprising some seventy-six acres of highly-cultivated land, the property being known as the "Homer Terrell Farm," though it was improved by Franklin Terrell. In 1874 he was married, in Columbia Center, Lorain county, to Miss Evalyn Terrell, a native of Ridgeville township, who was born July 26, 1855, daughter of Homer and Mary (Kelley) Terrell, the former of whom was born on the farm now owned by our subject; the latter was born August 11, 1823, in Taunton, Mass.; the father died on his farm

here August 16, 1888, the mother July 29, 1869. They were the parents of three children, namely: Evalyn (Mrs. Hill); Irving, born September 24, 1857, married, and residing in Ridgeville township; and Edward, born December 29, 1864, residing in Elyria.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hill settled on the Wescott farm in Eaton township, containing 148 acres prime land which he yet owns, and here remained till 1889, as already related. To them have been born five children, as follows: Freddie, born January 26, 1875, died March 16, 1875; George, born October 6, 1879, died March 24, 1880; Raymond, born June 14, 1881; Mary Jane, born January 23, 1884; and Ella E., born January 25, 1888. In politics our subject is a Republican, and takes an active interest in the affairs of his party. He has served on the school board, and been trustee of Ridgeville township since 1889.

A BAKER, the well-known, wide-awake and enterprising clothier and tailor, of North Amherst, is a native of Germany, born in Mechlenburg May 22, 1857.

At the age of ten years he came with his parents to the United States and to Illinois, where for about one year they lived on a farm near Mascontah, St. Clair county, after which they moved to town, where our subject attended school one year. About this time he was attacked with hip disease, which caused permanent lameness, although he went to St. Louis for treatment. The family then moved to Elyria, Ohio, and here Mr. Baker finished his school days in the German Lutheran Parochial School. He then commenced business life in a woolen factory, where he partly learned the cloth manufacturing business, which he would undoubtedly have followed but for his lameness. Having now learned how to make cloth, it was a natural transition for him to learn tailoring. He served two years with Moebius & Wimmers, and after they dissolved partnership, Moebius came to Amherst, Mr. Baker remaining with Wimmers as a journeyman tailor, for another year. He then concluded to go to Cleveland for the purpose of learning more about his trade; and after working for some of the best tailors in the city four years, he set out on a business tour throughout the States, in course of which he worked in Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Omaha, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg, Little Rock, Natchez, New Orleans, Mobile, then back to New Orleans, thence down to Houston, Texas. After this he returned home to spend Christmas, and then traveled east, stopping for a time in New York to attend a cutting school, and before he had quite finished was given a situation on Third avenue as cutter. While holding this latter position he attended the Peter Cooper Institute in the evening. On account of his widowed mother, who was still living in Elyria, he came nearer home, and accepted a position as cutter in Clyde, Ohio; after about five months he secured a position as cutter in Cleveland. Not being satisfied with this situation of things, Mr. Baker concluded to start in business for himself, and after many trials and difficulties, all of which he bravely overcame, in the fall of 1882, at the age of twenty-five, he opened up, in Elyria, a merchant tailoring establishment with a capital of three dollars, and a line of woolen samples furnished by a Cleveland woolen house.

This was in a room upstairs in the M. W. Pond building, opposite the old "Beebe House," and here he remained about two years; then moved in the old Perry building, where now stands the elegant Sharp block. Here he remained about three years, by which time, with hard work and economy, he had saved

enough to build him a nice house on Middle avenue. He now traded his property for a clothing store in North Amherst, with his old boss, Mr. Moebius. It is here that Mr. Baker begins to take an active part in business and public affairs. He talks and writes in public, and often differs with men, but he has the respect of his community for honesty and fairness. He is a hard worker, and although he should now have all his work done, he still sticks to the work-bench, and in a little time-book to advertise his business he writes and encourages all laboring men to economize, and tells them that he himself never thought that he would some day be able to buy out his boss. He is yet in the prime of life, and unless some unforeseen misfortune overtakes him, we predict for him a prosperous future. We know that the men who move onward step by step are the safest and surest in the long run.

In the spring of 1883 Mr. Baker was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Rosenwald, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and five children have been born to them, viz.: Mabel, Cora, Alphabet, Lillie and Esther. In politics our subject is a Republican, and he is very active in municipal and county affairs. In 1891 he built a block in North Amherst, two stories in height, of which he occupies one of the lower rooms, rents the other, while the upper room, a hall, is occupied by Jaeger Lodge, I. O. O. F.

D. C. BUNT, a systematic farmer of Penfield township, was born August 19, 1832, in Jefferson county, N. Y., a son of George Bunt, who was a native of eastern New York. His father came from Holland, and died when George was but six years old.

George Bunt was married in early manhood to Elizabeth Cottrell, and followed farming in his native State, where children as follows were born to him: Stephen, Philip, Henry, and David C., our subject, who is the only survivor. In 1833 the family removed to Ohio, coming by water to Cleveland, and thence being driven to LaGrange township, where Mr. Bunt rented land for six years; and while living there one child was added to the family, Lucy Ann, who married Alvin Nichols and died in Michigan. He then purchased, at six dollars per acre, twenty-five acres of land in Penfield township where our subject now resides, settling thereon in February, 1839, at which time the place was entirely in the woods, and abounded with wild animals. At the time of their coming there was no bridge over the stream which they were obliged to cross *en route* to Penfield township, but they contrived to float over. Mr. Bunt lived to the ripe old age of eighty-eight years, preceded to the grave by his wife, who passed away when aged seventy-two; both are buried in Penfield township cemetery. In religious connection they were members of the M. E. Church, and in politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican.

D. C. Bunt was but an infant when brought by his parents to Ohio, and received such an education as the common schools of those pioneer days afforded, his first teacher being Caroline Blanchard. On April 14, 1859, he was united in marriage with Mary J. Mosher, who was born August 29, 1842, in New York State, daughter of Elihu and Rebecca (Freeman) Mosher, who came to Ohio in 1844, settling in LaGrange township, Lorain county, where the father, who was a cooper, followed his trade. Our subject held an interest in some land with his father, with whom he took up his residence after marriage, and here, with the exception of four years, he has ever since resided. Though having but twelve acres at the start, he now owns a fine tract of 170 acres, highly improved and cultivated, whereon he has erected a number of substantial buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunt have had four children, as follows: Josephine, who died at the age of fifteen years; Grant W., of New Mexico; Frank C., who died when twenty-one years of age; and Elmer M., residing at home. Mr. Bunt has been engaged all his life in agriculture, of which he has a thorough knowledge, and for some time also conducted a dairy business; he has been successful in the full sense of the word. He and his wife are both members of the M. E. Church, and in his political preferences he is a stanch Republican; his first vote was cast for John C. Fremont. He is actively interested in the welfare of his party, and has served as trustee and in various other township offices. He is very popular and highly respected and esteemed in his community.

W. R. McCONNELL, owner of a highly-cultivated farm in Rochester township, where he is well and favorably known, is a native of New York State, born in Belfast township, Allegany county, December 17, 1825.

His father, James McConnell, was born in Yates county, N. Y., where he was reared to pioneer farming, and in early manhood married Miss Margaret Rooraback, daughter of John Rooraback. The children of this union, eight in number, were as follows: Martha, who married Jonathan Bridge, and died in Quincy, Mich.; Mary, who married John Corey, and died in Quincy, Mich.; Nancy, who married Amos Darby, and died in New London, Ohio; Betsy, who married Henry Close, and died in Williams county, Ohio; Alexander, deceased in Clyde, Ohio; John, a soldier in the Civil war, who enlisted from Williams county, Ohio, and died in Rochester township at the home of our subject; W. R., whose name heads this sketch; and Jane, who married John Rooraback, and died in New London, Ohio. After marriage James McConnell and his bride moved to Allegany county, N. Y., where for some years he conducted a farm, small in extent, as he was a man of but limited means. In 1833 the family came to Ohio, making a fresh home in New London township, Huron county, where Alexander, a brother of James McConnell, as well as several brothers-in-law, had previously made a settlement. The family made the long journey, which was a tedious one of three weeks' duration, by wagons to Buffalo, thence to Elyria, Lorain county, thence to Wakeman, Huron county, and from there to New London township, where the father bought fifty-six acres of land at five dollars per acre. The family found a temporary home at Alexander McConnell's, while a rude log cabin was being built for their reception, kind-hearted and willing neighbors giving all the assistance in their power toward its completion. The land was entirely new, not a tree having been cut from the dense growth of beech, maple and black walnut, and wild animals were abundant; but bravely did the family set to work to make a clearing, and before long they had a small tract ready for a garden which the following spring produced divers kinds of vegetable foods. Coming to the new home in October, there was no time to grow any of the necessaries of life that year, and the entire support of the family for the ensuing winter fell on the father. For two days' labor for a neighbor he received a bushel of corn, which he had to carry to a mill in Ruggles township to be ground, his journey there and back taking him along the Vermillion river. The first corn he planted on his farm was dropped into a "gash" made in the soil with an old axe, but it grew, ripened, and was harvested, and was found to make a few grists from which some sturdy johnny-cakes were made. The abundance of sugar maples around the clearing afforded them, by tapping, some revenue, and game being plentiful, there was after a time no lack of

provisions of all kinds. On this farm they lived till 1849, in which year they removed to Rochester township, settling on the 100-acre tract where yet lives the subject of this sketch. Here James McConnell, the brave pioneer, died September 28, 1867, his loving and faithful wife having preceded him to the grave October 28, 1862; they sleep their last sleep in New London cemetery. Politically James McConnell was a stanch Democrat, and in Church connection he and his wife were devout Methodists.

W. R. McConnell, whose name opens this sketch, received but a limited education in his boyhood at the subscription schools, and in later life, when other educational systems were introduced, he attended school a short time longer, but he was a studious youth, an apt scholar, and garnered not a little useful practical instruction. Reared to pioneer habits and customs, when but a young boy he was put to work at chopping in the clearing, experiencing all the hardships incident to backwoods life.

On February 26, 1852, he married Miss Lydia L. Carvy, born May 3, 1833, in Rochester township, a daughter of William and Eunice (Thomas) Carvy, early settlers in that township from New York State. The young couple then took up their residence in a 14 x 18 addition of logs, built to the old home cabin of his parents on the 100-acre farm already alluded to. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McConnell were as follows: Stewart N., a farmer of Rochester township; Newell J., who died of diphtheria at the age of eleven years; Edwin L., a farmer of Rochester township; Etta L., at home; Ransom C., at home; Newell C., who attended Berea (Ohio) College, deceased when twenty-three years old; and Nellie E., at home. Mr. McConnell has now 410 acres of as fine farm land as can be found in the county, representing, in the aggregate, years of honest toil, good management and judicious thrift. Besides the cereal and root crops he for some years was extensively engaged in dairying, and he has always made the rearing of sheep a specialty. A straight Whig and Republican, his first vote was cast for John C. Fremont, and he has never missed his franchise at the polls except once, on which occasion he was visiting outside the State. Popular in his party and the community at large, he has been entrusted with various township offices, such as justice of the peace and trustee, filling all with characteristic ability and honesty.

D. C. HOLLADAY, a retired agriculturist of Grafton township, was born October 25, 1827, in Berkshire county, Mass., son of James Holladay, also a native of Berkshire county, where he followed farming. James Holladay served four years in the Revolutionary war, and justly deserved a place among the patriots. When forty-five years of age he was married to Mary Gibson, and to their union was born one child, D. C., the subject of this memoir. The mother died in December, 1827, the father in 1829, and both are buried in Massachusetts.

The subject of these lines was reared by a maiden aunt, Ruth Holladay, who died in 1856, in Salt Lake City, Utah, whither she had gone to pass her declining years. When seven years old he came west to Ohio with his aunt and an uncle, Moses Holladay, the journey being made by canal and lake as far as Cleveland, whence they were driven to Litchfield, Medina county, where they settled. Mr. Holladay was early put to farm work, and attended school but little in Medina county, as the schoolhouse was four miles distant. He was subsequently reared by relatives who came to Grafton township, Lorain county, in 1836, and resided at Kingsley's Corners, remaining with them until twenty-one years of age. He was soon afterward united in marriage with Miss Roxina Sheldon, who was born

in Johnstown, Penn., and they became the parents of two children, namely: Alvira, Mrs. James Tucker, of Eaton township, and Erastus, on the home farm in Grafton township. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Holladay purchased the farm he yet resides on, where he was for many years successfully engaged in general agriculture; of late years, however, he has retired from active farm work, leaving the management of the place to his son. Mrs. Holladay passed from earth February 17, 1886, and her remains are interred in Nesbit cemetery. Our subject is a stanch member of the Democratic party, but has no desire for political preferments, having declined to serve as justice of the peace.

Mr. Holladay is an excellent type of those sturdy old pioneers who have passed their lives in Grafton township, to whom too much credit cannot be given for the assistance they have rendered in the improvement and advancement of the country. He has seen the dense forest give place to fertile fields of grain, and has himself been instrumental in effecting these changes.

WILLIAM H. JOHNSON, an enterprising agriculturist, and representative citizen of LaGrange township, is the oldest male representative of his father's family, which is one of the most prominent in Lorain county. He was born May 30, 1834, in LaGrange township, a son of Hon. Nathan Porter and Laura (Waite) Johnson.

Hon. Nathan P. Johnson was of New England stock, his parents, Stephen and Phebe Johnson, having been born in Old Haddam, Conn., whence in 1785 they removed to Hartford, Washington Co., N. Y., finally in April, 1801, migrating to Champion, Jefferson Co., same State. Nathan P. was born in Hartford, N. Y., January 30, 1801, and was, as will be seen, an infant when his parents removed to Jefferson county. He received but a limited education, the schools of those early days being very primitive in their character, but being an apt scholar, and of a bright and studious disposition, he made wonderful progress. In Jefferson county he was married October 20, 1822, to Miss Laura Waite, who was born in February, 1804, in Champion, N. Y., a daughter of Dorastus and Sally (McNitt) Waite. While residing in New York State the following children were born to them, their names, dates of birth, etc., being given: Sarah L., September 14, 1823, now living in LaGrange, the widow of William F. Hubbard; William H., September 19, 1825, died October 11, 1829; Cynthia A., September 25, 1827, wife of Charles A. Wilcox, of LaGrange; Mary L., June 29, 1830, now the widow of Spencer Lincoln, of LaGrange; and Phœbe M., April 24, 1832, married Henry Sterrot, and died April 4, 1866. In Ohio were born as follows: William H. (subject of sketch); Elizur G., November 24, 1836, living in Elyria; Ellen M., January 25, 1840, married Henry Noble, and died in LaGrange; and Ann Eliza, February 11, 1842, twice married, first time to Andrew J. Lemore, second time to Harry Nichols, and died in New York State December 4, 1869.

In 1833 Nathan P. Johnson traded land in New York State for a tract in Lorain county, Ohio; in November, same year, came here with his family, a two-horse wagon conveying them, while their household effects were transported by water as far as Cleveland. The journey occupied twenty-one days, and on their arrival in Lorain county they made their temporary home at the house of Sylvester Merriams, a brother-in-law of Nathan Johnson. In the meantime a log house was erected on the farm south of the center of LaGrange township, into which, when completed, the family removed. Mr. Johnson was originally an ardent Whig of the old

school, later a Republican, and was elected to the Legislature in 1844, reëlected in 1845; was a member of the Ohio Senate, 1847–48, from the Districts composed of Lorain and Medina counties; was, after his removal in 1862 to the village of LaGrange, appointed postmaster there by Abraham Lincoln; in fact he was a thoroughly representative man, a useful citizen, honored and respected. He died December 22, 1874, and was interred in LaGrange cemetery. At the time of his death he was a member of the Methodist Church, but was in the earlier days of his life a Congregationalist. Mr. Johnson's first wife died in 1846, and he afterward married Miss Mary Hart, of Elyria, by whom there was no issue.

William H. Johnson, whose name opens this sketch, received his primary education at the common schools of his township, his sister Sarah L. being his first teacher, and, later, he attended the higher schools of Oberlin and Elyria. He was reared to farming pursuits, and lived on his father's farm until his marriage, at which time he moved to his fine property situated south of LaGrange, and there remained till 1891, in which year he came to his farm, lying in the center of LaGrange township, and which comprises 141 acres prime land, highly cultivated. On September 15, 1856, Mr. Johnson married Miss Mary A. Parsons, born in Windham, Portage county, Ohio, and two children were born to them: Laura V., now wife of M. W. Ingalls, and Mary A., at home. The mother of these was called from earth in 1860, and in 1862 our subject married Mrs. Lucy H. Bruce (*née* Bradley), widow of O. Bruce. By this union there were three children, viz.: William H. (1) (deceased in infancy), William H. (2) (also died in infancy), and Anita S., now Mrs. C. H. Curtis, of Berea, Ohio. In politics Mr. Johnson is a leader in the ranks of the Republican party, and has held various township offices with credit and ability, such as assessor, trustee, etc. Formerly he was a Congregationalist, but of late years he has been a member of the M. E. Church, in which he is a class-leader. He is remarkably temperate in his habits, never having used tobacco in any form, and alcoholic liquor only occasionally for its medicinal properties.

R. B. BELDEN is a native of Lorain county, born in Brownhelm township in 1846. His father, Martin Belden, was a native of Landisfield, Mass., born in 1810, and was married May 1, 1833, in Colebrook, Conn., to Eliza Murray, who was born in Delhi, N. Y., in 1811. In 1834 they came to Lorain county, Ohio, locating in Amherst township till 1842, in which year they moved to Brownhelm township, same county, and in 1854 proceeded to the village of North Amherst, where for two years the father was engaged in the dry-goods business. In 1860 they moved to Wood county, Ohio, where they resided till 1872, in which year they returned to Lorain county. The father died November 6, 1888; he was a Democrat and served as county commissioner. The mother is yet living. They had a family of eight children, four of whom are yet living, namely: Eliza Ann, wife of Albert Aldrich, of East Amherst, Ohio; Prudence B., a graduate of the University of Philadelphia, who is a practicing physician in Chicago, Ill.; R. B., the subject of sketch; Clara L., the wife of Warren Bulsey, a druggist of Napoleon, Henry Co., Ohio.

R. B. Belden received his education at the public schools of North Amherst, and was reared to farming pursuits, which he has successfully followed. He has resided in Lorain county all his life with the exception of nine years spent in Trumbull and Portage counties, Ohio, where he was engaged in the cheese business. He now devotes his attention exclusively to his farming interests.

On April 20, 1887, Mr. Belden was united in marriage with Mrs. Arthur Carr, a native of Huron county, Ohio, daughter of Robert and Mary (Wright) Curtis, the former of whom was born in Vermont, the latter in New York State. Robert Curtis came to Huron county, Ohio, locating in North Fairfield township, where he kept hotel; he died in 1873 in the village of North Fairfield. His wife had passed away in 1866. Mr. Belden is a Democrat, and has served as trustee of Amherst. He is a member of the F. & A. M., Stonington Lodge No. 503, and of the I. O. O. F., Plato Lodge, No. 203, having passed all the Chairs. Mrs. Belden is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah, Lodge No. 257, of which she is a charter member; she is also a member of the Ladies of the Maccabees.

J. T. HENDERSON. The Oberlin Business College has for many years held an exalted place among the business schools of this country, and many young men and women, now prominent in the business world or as teachers, received their training in this school. We are pleased to be able to present to the readers of this book a brief biography of J. T. Henderson, whose portrait appears upon the opposite page, and whose ability as a teacher, good judgment and character as a man have had much to do in building up this useful school.

About four miles north of McConnelsville, Morgan Co., Ohio, is found a quiet country home, surrounded by fertile hills and valleys, in which was born the subject of this sketch May 18, 1862. He is the son of John and Cecelia (Richardson) Henderson, also natives of the Buckeye State, the former of whom died in Morgan county in 1884, where his widow is yet residing. His early life was very much as that of other country boys, the summers being spent in work upon the farm, and the winters in the district school, except that he early manifested an unusual interest in his studies, and made such rapid progress in them that before he was sixteen years old he had secured a county teacher's certificate. This opened the way for him to a broader and more useful life, and after this the farm had little attraction for him.

He began teaching when seventeen years old, and continued to teach in country schools for several years, with a degree of success not often attained by even older instructors. As evidence of this success, he was retained in his first school seven terms. During these years he developed an extraordinary fondness for fine writing, and, by long and faithful practice, considerable ability to execute the same. To gratify this fondness, and to improve himself in this chosen profession, he was induced to attend the Muskingum Valley Normal School for four summers in succession. This school was under the able management of Prof. Jacob Schwartz, for twenty years superintendent of penmanship in the public schools of Zanesville, Ohio. This gentleman was a penman of rare ability, and to his competence as a teacher is due the great number of penmen and business educators which Morgan county has produced. As might well be supposed, in this association Mr. Henderson found plenty of fuel for his burning passion for penmanship, and his indefatigable labors were rewarded at the close of the last term by receiving the prize for being the best penman in the school, consisting of about one hundred competitors. This seems to have been the flood-tide in the affairs of this energetic young man, for the prize was a scholarship in the Zanesville Business College. We find that Mr. Henderson completed the business course in this institution in the spring of 1883, thereby climbing one round higher on the ladder which has brought him such abundant success. The summer of 1883 was spent in traveling through different parts of the

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East, visiting Chautauqua, Niagara Falls, Ocean Grove, Coney Island, Asbury Park, Long Branch, New York and other cities, a part of his expenses being defrayed by card writing at the summer resorts.

The year 1883–1884 found our subject occupying his first position as teacher of commercial branches in Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio. While connected with this college he devoted his spare time to further study, completing such branches as Geometry, English Literature, Rhetoric, etc. Pres. Schuyler says of his work in this institution: "He understands his business, is an excellent teacher and a worthy man." During the latter part of this year he was employed in the First National Bank of that city as bookkeeper, which position was filled ably and to the entire satisfaction of the management of the bank. The dream of his life now began to take definite shape, and possessing a mind quick to perceive and ready to appropriate useful information, he here obtained much practical knowledge that has been of inestimable value to him in the work upon which he was soon to enter—that of a business educator. In the fall of 1884 he purchased of Uriah McKee a half-interest in the Oberlin Business College, and since that time he has devoted his whole time and energy to building up and improving this old and well-known institution.

Business education has had an interesting history in Oberlin. The history of such work dates back to the very earliest period when such instruction was given anywhere, and many men who are now occupying eminent places in the world have been associated with the work in this place as teachers, among whom we might mention William Warren, author of the Warrenian System of Penmanship; Platt R. Spencer, author of the Spencerian System of Penmanship, now famous the world over; Charles Griffeth, S. S. Calkins, Drake Brothers, Platt R. Spencer, Jr., W. F. Lyon, Mr. Howland, Mr. Cobb, U. McKee, and many others. It was the mantle of such men as these that fell upon the shoulders of Mr. Henderson, who has for ten years demonstrated his ability to carry to a successful issue the work for which these men laid the foundation.

In June, 1885, he was united in marriage in Morgan county, Ohio, with Miss Ada Lawrence, a native of that county, and four children have been born to them: Fred (who died at the age of four years), Elmer Clinton, Harold Lawrence and Alice Estelle. In politics Mr. Henderson is a Republican-Prohibitionist, and he and his wife are members of the M. E. Church, of which he is treasurer, as well as assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school.

The partnership between McKee and Henderson continued until June, 1892, when Mr. McKee was compelled to withdraw from the school on account of failing health, his entire interest being purchased by the junior member of the firm, who since that time has had the entire management of the institution. Since Principal Henderson was first associated with the Oberlin Business College, the patronage has almost doubled, and its present prominent position among similar colleges is largely due to his untiring efforts. He has been a close student of all subjects bearing upon his work, and for several years has been giving his students the benefit of his researches, in what is termed the "Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Course," when such subjects as "Elements of Success in Life," "Life Insurance," "Building and Loan Associations," "Our Domestic System of Exchange," "Post Office Money Order System," "Banking," "New York Clearing House," etc., are discussed in a manner which has long been popular with the students, not so much because of rhetorical flourish as because of the abundant practical information contained.

Mr. Henderson takes a deep interest in the welfare of the community, and occupies a high place in the estimation of his

fellow citizens. The mayor of Oberlin said of him recently: "He is known here as an upright and conscientious teacher, a patriotic citizen, and an enthusiastic worker in the Church and benevolent Societies of the place." For several years he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Oberlin Y. M. C. A., and for some time past an efficient member of the Board of Health. He is also a member of the Executive Board of Associated Charities for Oberlin, and has recently been elected a member of the Board of Education. His superior skill as a penman, his practical experience in the banking business, together with his ability as a teacher and character as a man, render him an able instructor in the college over which he presides, a useful citizen in the community in which he lives, and place him in the front rank of business educators of the present time.

REV. NICHOLAS PFEIL, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Avon, was born November 4, 1859, in Cleveland, on the so-called West Side, formerly known as Ohio City. The house in which he for the first time saw the light of day is still standing on the southeast corner of the intersection of Penn and Chatham streets. He is the second youngest of seven children—five boys and two girls—all of whom with their parents are still among the living. They reside in and about Cleveland, except his youngest brother, who at present is sojourning in England, near Liverpool, being a priest of the Society of Jesus.

His parents were among the pioneers of Cleveland, having immigrated in the fall of 1847. They came from the northern part of Baden, in Germany, and are descendants of that loyal race of sturdy Franks, who through all the storms of centuries remained faithful to the Catholic Church, ever since the days of Franconia's apostle, St. Kilian, who, in the latter part of the seventh century, converted the Franconian people from heathenism to catholicity.

His father, Lawrence Pfeil, hails from the town of Koenigsheim on the Tauber, and his mother, whose maiden name was Franciska Reinhart, comes from Gissigheim, a picturesque little village in the uplands of the so-called Taubergrund.

Lawrence Pfeil was a baker by profession, and upon arriving in Cleveland began to ply his trade for a time; but, seeing that ship carpenters were in greater demand and better paid, he joined their ranks, to earn a living for his little family. After several years of trials, sickness and suffering, which were the common lot of pioneers in those terrible days of fever and ague, he, being assisted by his saving and diligent wife, succeeded in acquiring a little home on Pear street hill. Later on he invested his hard-earned savings in a more comfortable home on Chatham street.

Here the subject of this sketch spent his early youth, watched over by a pious mother who taught him the first knowledge of God, and folded his hands in childlike prayer. When seven years of age, he was sent to St. Mary's school on Jersey street, then as now taught by the Christian Brothers of Dayton, who enjoy a wide reputation as clever teachers.

In the latter part of the "sixties," the family removed from Chatham street on to a little farm near the crossing of Lorain and Henley streets. Though the distance to the parochial school was now three miles, the subject of this sketch very seldom missed a day, despite rain and storm, footing it regularly there and back, summer and winter, and often through what now-a-days would be called impassible roads. From his eleventh year on he attended St. Stephen's school, which was opened on Courtland street in the spring of 1870. Here, in 1872, he made his First Communion under the guidance and direction of a pious and zealous pastor, the Rev.

Casimir Reichlin, for whom he entertains filial affection and devotion to this day. For, next to the grace of God, it was, in great measure, owing to the beautiful, priestly life of this good man that he gradually felt an earnest desire of consecrating himself one day to the service of God by entering the priesthood.

Agreeably to his request, Nicholas, with his younger brother, was sent by his parents, in the fall of 1873, to Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y., under the able management of the Jesuit Fathers, where, for five years, he applied himself closely to the study of Christian doctrine, Latin, Greek, German, English, French, mathematics and other branches usually taught during a collegiate course. He was graduated in June, 1878, and the following September entered St. Mary's Theological Seminary on Lake street, Cleveland. Here he remained five years, studying philosophy and theology, church history, exegesis, canon law, rubrics, etc., in preparation for the reception of Holy Orders—the dream of his life.

After so many years of patient and laborious study he received minor orders on the 17th of March, subdeaconship on the 17th, and deaconship on the 18th day of May, and priesthood on the 1st of July, 1883, being then in his twenty-fourth year. On the following Sunday, July 8, he celebrated his first public Mass in St. Stephen's Church, amidst great solemnity and a vast outpouring of people, who had known him from boyhood days up.

His first pastoral charge was St. Patrick's congregation, Hubbard, Trumbull county, where he remained seven months, when he was transferred to the pastorate of Holy Trinity congregation, Avon, Lorain county. It is now closely upon ten years that he has directed the temporal and spiritual affairs of this congregation, having arrived February 29, 1884.

During this period he also attended St. Peter's congregation, North Ridgeville, for somewhat over four years, holding services in both congregations every Sunday and Holy-day. He is now solely pastor of Avon, having been relieved of the arduous work of the Ridgeville mission by Bishop Horstmann, November 12, 1893.

The present pastor of Trinity Church loves to spend his leisure moments in his library among his books. He is fond of solitude because of the opportunity it affords him for reading and mental improvement, but he also loves the company of his friends, and highly appreciates a good joke when he hears it. Although born in the city, he prefers to live in the country, regards with affection its plain people and their simplicity of life, delights in flowers and birds, and is passionately fond of music. His great pleasure, however, is to come to the relief of some poor suffering soul, and is ever ready, at any hour of the day or night, to exercise his priestly ministrations.

J. M. VANTILBURG, M. D., a popular physician and surgeon of Lorain, was born January 19, 1849, in Ashland county, Ohio, and is descended from one of the early pioneer families of that county.

His grandfather, Daniel Vantilburg, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, and in 1812 entered land in Ashland county, same State. He returned to Jefferson county, where he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Clinton, and in 1813 settled permanently in Ashland county, where he became a prominent citizen, residing on his farm until his death, which occurred in 1866. He took part in the war of 1812, serving six months in an Ohio regiment. Mr. and Mrs. Vantilburg reared a family of six children—three sons and three daughters; two of the sons, John and Henry (twins), are practicing physicians in Ashland county. The Van-

tilburg family was originally from Holland, and Grandfather Vantilburg was of Pennsylvania-German descent.

Daniel Vantilburg, son of this old pioneer, was born on the farm in Ashland county (one mile south of Ashland), where he passed his entire life. He was married in Jefferson county, this State, to Miss Clarinda Myers, a native of same, and they had a family of four children (three yet living), namely: Margaret, who was married to Dr. Charles Campbell, of Ashland, and died in 1879; J. M., subject of sketch; William, residing at Ashland, and George, living on the home farm in Ashland county. The father of this family died in 1878, in Ashland county, where his widow still resides.

J. M. Vantilburg was reared in his native county, and received his education in the common schools of Ashland and in the college at Hayesville. In 1864 he enlisted, for three years or during the war, in Company G, Twenty-third O. V. I., under Gen. R. B. Hayes, Captain William McKinley (afterward Governor McKinley). He was mustered into service at Columbus, Ohio, being assigned to the army of West Virginia, and participated in the engagement of Cedar Creek and in many skirmishes. He was honorably discharged at Cumberland, Md., in July, 1865, and returned to his home in Ashland county, Ohio. In 1885 he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and in October, 1888, came to Lorain, Lorain county, where he has since made his home, actively engaged in the duties of his profession. From 1881 to 1883 the Doctor resided in western Texas and Mexico, assisting for some time in the construction of the Texas and Pacific Railroad from Ft. Worth west. For nine months he was engaged on the construction of the Mexican Central Railroad, from El Paso to Zacatecas, and then located for a short time in the city of Chihuahua, Mexico, after which he returned to Ashland county.

Socially Dr. Vantilburg is a member of Q. A. Gillmore Post No. 752, G. A. R., and has been commander of same since its organization (this post at the present writing has twenty-three members); he is also a member of Woodland Lodge No. 226, K. of P., of Uniformed Rank No. 117 Loyal Legion, and Lorain Lodge No. 552, F. and A. M. For many years he has been a member of the Ohio National Guards, of which he was the first lieutenant. Politically he is a Republican, and has served as member of the town council.

JOHN SAYE, farmer and keeper of boarding stable, Ridgeville township, is an Englishman by birth, born December 7, 1839, in Yorkshire, a son of James and Ann (Colley) Saye, of the same county, where they married. In 1850 they came to the United States, crossing the ocean in six weeks, and from their port of landing came westward to Ohio, taking the Hudson river, Erie Canal and Lake Erie to Cleveland, thence proceeding by wagon to their destination—Eaton township, Lorain county, where they lived many years; they died in Ridgeville township, the father in February, 1881, the mother in 1871. They had a family of eight children, six of whom are yet living, viz.: Watson, residing in Ridgeville township; Ann, widow of Albert Adams, of Saginaw, Mich.; Harriet, wife of John Watson, of Ridgeville township; Mary, wife of Ambrose Snow, of California; John, our subject; and Hannah, widow of Joseph Peterson, of Berea, Ohio.

John Saye, whose name introduces this sketch, was a boy when he came with the rest of the family to America, and his education was received partly in England and partly in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, where he was also trained to agricultural pursuits. In 1872 he bought his present fine farm of forty-five acres in Ridgeville township, and here he has since been successfully

gaged in general farming and boarding horses, in connection with which latter branch of his business he has had the care of horses of all kinds, from various parts of the county. Mr. Saye has been twice married: first time in 1863 to Miss Miriam Parker, a native of Henrietta township, Lorain county, by which union were born three children—all daughters—viz.: Amy, Ella (wife of Douglas Proudfoot; they have one child, Lester), and Miriam. The mother of these died in 1879, and in 1883 Mr. Saye married Miss Ellen Gayton, a native of Cleveland, Ohio. In politics our subject is a Republican, and he is one of the useful, loyal citizens of his locality.

LORRIN EMMONS, member of an early pioneer family of Ridgeville township, is a native of same, born in December, 1823, son of Chauncey and Charlotte (Porter) Emmons.

The parents of our subject were both natives of Connecticut, the mother born August 26, 1789, and in 1810 they migrated westward, coming with an ox-team to Lorain county, Ohio, where they passed the rest of their long lives. They located in Ridgeville township, first on Butternut Ridge, and subsequently on the farm now occupied by the subject of this sketch. Chauncey Emmons took an active interest in the politics of the day. His death occurred in Ridgeville township, June 24, 1874, his wife dying September 21, 1847. These pioneers reared a family of eight children, a brief record of whom follows: Marilla was first married to Newton Adams, and is now the wife of Mr. Brandyburg; they live in Lansing, Mich. Beecher Porter removed to Missouri, where he died in 1890. Caroline is the widow of Frederick Hall, of Olean, N. Y. Susan is the widow of David Brainerd, of Wisconsin. Edmond died in Lorain county. Lorrin is the subject of this biographical memoir. Harlow Chauncey resided the greater part of his life in Elyria; his death occurred in St. Paul, Minn. Spencer died in Elyria.

Lorrin Emmons was reared in his native township, and received his education in the common schools of Ridgeville Center. He has made farming his life vocation, and now owns the old homestead of twenty-five acres, to which he has added twenty-five more, making a fine farm of fifty acres in a high state of cultivation. On March 27, 1849, Mr. Emmons was married, in Ridgeville township, to Miss Mary Burrell, daughter of Higby and Ann (Conrad) Burrell, natives of New York State, who in an early day came to Lorain county, Ohio; the father died in Ridgeville township at the age of eighty-one, the mother many years before. To Mr. and Mrs. Lorrin Emmons have come four children, namely: Lois, wife of Orrin Herrick, of Cleveland, has four children; Ada A., who married Elson Dye, died in January, 1893, leaving two children; Alice, wife of Howard Knevels, of Elkhart, Ind.; and Arthur L., married and living in Omaha, Neb., in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad. Mr. Emmons is a member of the Democratic party, and has been elected to the offices of assessor and trustee of his township, serving in the latter position many years. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church.

SH. SHAW, a leading agriculturist of Ridgeville township, and a representative citizen, is a native of New York State, born in Bristol township, Ontario county, in 1829, a son of Samuel and Charlotte (Hale) Shaw, also natives of the Empire State.

In the fall of 1829 the family migrated to Ohio, making a settlement in Bath township, Summit county, the fourth or fifth family to come into that locality.

Here the father died January 31, 1837, and in 1839 his widow married Lyman Doolittle, who died in Summit county, Ohio. To Samuel and Charlotte Shaw were born six children, as follows: Allen, who died young; S. H., our subject; Corinthia, who died young; Lorenzo, who married and lived in Summit county, died about 1890; Dency, who married Walter Simmons, and moved to Medina county, died in September, 1891 (he died in September, 1890); and Richmond, married, residing in Bath township, Summit county. By the mother's second marriage there were five children, to wit: Eliza, who married William Wylie (they came to Ridgeville township, where she died in 1875); Erwin, who died young; Lucy, who died young; Orpha, wife of Virgil R. Shaw, living on the old home; and Genevieve, wife of Virgil E. Shaw, also residing on the old homestead.

The subject proper of this sketch received a liberal education at the common schools of his boyhood home, and was reared to farming pursuits. In 1851 he came from Summit county, Ohio, to Ridgeville township, Lorain county, where he cleared a farm from out of the woods, at a time when wild animals, including all kinds of game, were yet plentiful. He bought eighteen acres of land, and after improving it sold out and moved into Medina county, where he resided till 1856; then returned to Lorain county and bought a ten-acre tract of wild timber land, which he cleared, and from time to time added to till now he is the owner of sixty-five acres all in a good state of cultivation. He has a comfortable residence, ample barn and other outbuildings, and confines himself now exclusively to mixed farming, although at one time he worked at his trade, that of carpenter and joiner, and for twelve years followed the business of building mover.

In 1851 Mr. Shaw was married, in Summit county, to Miss Juliette Wylie, a native of Erie, Penn., and daughter of Joseph and Anna (Shaw) Wylie, both of Connecticut birth, who in an early day moved to Erie, Penn., and thence in 1839 to Summit county, Ohio, locating in Bath township. The father died in Erie in 1838, the mother in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, in 1872. Their family, seven in number, were as follows: Andrew, who has resided on his present farm in Medina county since 1848; Mary Ann, wife of Isaac Warren, residing in Oklahoma; Warren, who died young; William, deceased in 1887 in Ridgeville; Favian; Jane, who died young; and Juliette, Mrs. Shaw. To Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Shaw were born seven children, a brief record of whom is as follows: Zimri, agent at Shawville, where he resides, is married and has two sons, Archer and Stanley; Arthur, agent at Olmsted Falls, is married and has one son, Glenn; Dora died at the age of two years; Diana, wife of Lafayette Phillips, residing in Carbon, Ind., has one son, Claude; Oscar, married, resides in Clarksville, Tenn. (he has two children, Hattie and Cecil); Alfaretta, wife of Morris Bills, residing at Collins, Ohio, has two children, Grace and Stella; Lola is a graduate of Elyria High School. Politically our subject is an ardent Republican, and has served as township trustee and in other offices of trust. At one time there was in Ridgeville township a post-office, Shawville, named for the family, which was changed, however, but there is still a station on the L. S. & M. S. R. R. of that name.

WILLIAM F. ESKERT. Among the well-known agriculturists of Elyria township stands prominent this gentleman. He is a native of Boston, Mass., born July 26, 1849, a son of George and Elizabeth (Abbenzeller) Eskert, who came from Germany to the United States, and were married in Boston, Mass. The father, who was a rope maker by trade, died at the early age of twenty-nine years; the mother is yet living in Elyria.

The subject of this sketch received his education in Boston, and learned the trade of boiler maker, which he followed in his native city till 1868, in which year he came to Lorain county, and commenced farming, a vocation he has since prospered in. He has been a member of the board of County Infirmary directors since 1890, having been elected on the Republican ticket, and he was trustee of Elyria township for several years.

On April 30, 1870, Mr. Eskert married Miss Frances Hoadley, daughter of Luther and Hannah (Smith) Hoadley, who are among the oldest pioneers of Lorain county. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eskert: Helen, wife of Allen E. Griffin, of Oberlin, Ohio. Mr. Eskert is a member of the F. & A. M.

HENRY WARNER was born October 17, 1801, in Middletown, Middlesex Co., Conn. On April 21, 1825, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Whitcom, of Wayne county, N. Y., by which union there were eleven children, viz.: William H., John V., Esther A., Maria J., Malita A., Augustus A., Jerome B., Cyrenius P., Vandalia S., Irving N., and Valeria E., two of whom are living, Augustus A. and Cyrenius P.

The subject of this memoir moved to Brownhelm, Lorain Co., Ohio, in 1847, having previously purchased the stone quarry now owned by the Worthington Brothers. From this quarry he shipped, it is believed, the first stone that was shipped from Lorain county; this shipment was to Canada. Some time in 1854 or 1855 he was associated with Baxter Clough in the quarry business, and was owner of the Haldeman quarry in 1859. He spent his days on the farm where he died, which is now owned and occupied by his son-in-law, J. R. Miller, and located about one mile west of North Amherst village, on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. Mr. Warner died January 25, 1876, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. His wife died August 25, 1872.

HENRY FOWL, one of the representative native-born agriculturists of Lorain county, first opened his eyes to the light of day in Amherst township in 1843.

His father, Henry Fowl, came from Germany to Ohio when about eleven years old, with his father, Godfrey Fowl, and for a year they had their residence in Cleveland, thence moving to Amherst township, Lorain county. Here Henry Fowl remained till 1864, when he came to Elyria township, settling on the farm now occupied by our subject. He married Miss Sarah E. Baker, who came to Lorain county when five years old, and they reared a family of eight children, of whom the following is a brief record: Henry is the subject of this sketch; Charles E. is on a farm in Elyria township; Catherine, the wife of L. Haserodt, of Elyria, died March 8, 1873; Lucy, who married Conrad Brandt, of Elyria township, died in November, 1883; Leonard died in January, 1892; Lena is the wife of Emanuel Eckler, of Elyria; Andrew, married, resides in Elyria; Philip lives in Carlisle township. The parents both died in 1890, of "la grippe," the father on May 13, the mother on September 22.

Henry Fowl was reared in Amherst township, and received his education at the public schools of the neighborhood, at the same time being trained to the practical duties of farm life. In 1889 he came to his present place in Elyria township, Lorain county, where he has since been engaged in general agriculture. In 1870 he

was married to Miss Sarah Pangborn, a native of Amherst township, Lorain county, an adopted daughter of Anson and Ida (Squires) Pangborn, he a native of Vermont, she of Whitehall, N. Y. Mrs. Pangborn came to Lorain county in 1816, Mr. Pangborn in 1827, and they both died in Elyria township in 1880 and 1888 respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Fowl have been born six children, as follows: Sydney, Elfa (wife of E. Denman, of Elyria, who has one child, Ena P.), J. M., Ida, Leonard and Urr C. Our subject and wife are members of the Church of Christ, and in his political sympathies he is a strong Prohibitionist.

HENRY A. PLATO, vice-president of the Savings Deposit Bank, and dry-goods merchant, North Amherst, is a native of Germany, born December 28, 1845, a son of John and Wilhelmina (Bodmann) Plato, also natives of Germany.

In 1856 they came to the United States, and to Ohio, making a stay of four or five months in Vermillion, Erie county; then came to Amherst township, Lorain county, where they followed farming about three years, after which they moved into the village of North Amherst. Here for some eight or ten years the father operated a livery, assisted by his sons; also erected a grocery store, and conducted a business there till his retirement from active life, at which time his sons took charge of the grocery. He died in December, 1890, aged seventy-six years; his widow is yet living, now sixty-nine years old. Their family comprised three sons and one daughter, viz.: Henry A., John E. (partner in business with Henry A.), Herman J. and Matilda C., wife of Joseph Wesbecher, partner in the hardware business with Henry A. and John E. Henry A. commenced the grocery business with his brother, John E., in 1869, and continued therein about twelve years, or till 1881, in which year his brother-in-law (Joseph Wesbecher) being in the hardware business, our subject and brother, J. E., bought an interest in same. Subsequently Mr. Plato, in conjunction with his partners, built a brick block, and up to January 1, 1892, he saw to the interest of the brothers in the hardware branch, which grew to be a thriving concern, while J. E., the brother, attended their dry-goods store; but being sickly changed positions with his brother, and went back to the dry-goods store on January 1, 1892, at the same time retaining his connection with the hardware business. About two years ago the Savings Deposit Bank was organized in North Amherst, and Mr. Plato has ever since been vice-president of same. About four years ago he was instrumental in organizing the North Amherst Furniture Co., which is one of the best equipped enterprises of the kind in Northern Ohio, putting up the building which is now occupied by the concern.

In 1866 Henry A. Plato and Miss Elizabeth Hilderbrand were united in marriage, and six children were born to them, viz.: Matilda, a clerk in her father's store; Albert D., who was educated at Notre Dame, Ind., and is connected with his father in the dry-goods business; Wilhelmina, also educated at Notre Dame, Ind.; Cecelia, Louisa and Florence, all of whom have had the best possible educational advantages. They are possessed of rare musical abilities, and form within their own circle a talented band. They have for some years furnished the music in the Catholic Church at Amherst, and are in much demand at both public and private entertainments. The "Plato Band," as it is sometimes called, consists of two violins (played by son and one of the daughters); piano and cornet (two other daughters), and flute (Mr. Plato himself).

Mr. Plato is a stanch Democrat, and a leader of the party in his vicinity. In

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1887 he was elected township clerk, a position he still fills. In 1861 (then but sixteen years of age) he wished very much to enlist as a fifer, but his father prevented his going out, being too young; however, in December, 1863, he enlisted, this time in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth O. V. I., and served till July, 1865, when he was mustered out at Camp Chase, the war coming to a close.

ADAM BERRES, JR., one of the industrious and progressive farmer citizens of Ridgeville township, is a native of Prussia, Germany, born in 1837, a son of Adam and Mary (Jacobs) Berres, also natives of the Fatherland.

In 1857 the family immigrated to the United States, and settling on a farm in Ridgeville township, Lorain Co., Ohio, the parents passed the rest of their lives there, the father dying January 28, 1892, the mother in 1877. Their children, nine in number, were as follows: Peter, married, a resident of Wood county, Ohio; John, married, residing in Ridgeville township; Adam, our subject; Gertrude, wife of Joseph Schneider, of Michigan; Matt, a farmer of Avon township; Mary, wife of Mathias Myers, of Ridgeville township; Joseph, a farmer of Ridgeville township; William, residing in Elyria; and Casper, who resides in Ridgeville township.

Adam Berres, Jr., was twenty years old when he came with the rest of the family to this country, and he has always followed farming. He is now the owner of an excellent property of ninety-one acres of land all in an advanced state of cultivation, his first residence thereon being a log shanty, which was superseded by a house 18 x 36, two stories in height, with an "L" 16 x 26, two stories; there is also a commodious and well-built barn 24 x 32. In 1862 our subject enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Seventh O. V. I., army of the Potomac, for three years or during the war, but served only eleven months, being honorably discharged in 1863 in the convalescent camp near Alexandria, Va., and returning home to Lorain county, where he has since carried on general farming. In 1867 he was married to Miss Catherine Myer, a native of Germany, and daughter of Andreas Myer, and to this union have been born ten children, named as follows: Peter, Gertrude, Mathew, Joseph, William, Casper, Kate, Jacob, Christian and Frank. Politically Mr. Berres is a Democrat. Socially he belongs to the G. A. R. Post at Ridgeville, and he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church.

JACOB MYERS, well-known and highly respected as a well-to-do farmer citizen of Lorain county, was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., in 1814, a son of Joseph and Mary Snyder Myers, who were of Dutch descent.

Joseph Myers was born March 11, 1760, in New Jersey, and was there married to Mary Snyder, who was born in the same State January 27, 1770. In an early day they removed to New York State, where the father died April 24, 1829, the widowed mother afterward removing to Ohio, and dying in Elyria township in 1853. Five children were born to them, named respectively: Margaret, Andrew, Catherine, Julia and Jacob. Of these, the youngest, who is the subject of this memoir, received his education at the subscription schools of Tompkins county, N. Y. In the winter of 1833 he came on foot to Ohio, first locating in Carlisle township, Lorain county, thence, in 1834, moving to Elyria township. He learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, and in course of time became a contractor and builder, a business

he followed for years. In 1835 he bought his farm in Elyria township, whereon he now resides, and built himself a modern comfortable home.

On November 15, 1835, Mr. Myers was united in marriage with Miss Mary Burrell, a native of New York State, and daughter of Arnold and Mary (Hitchcock) Burrell, of Vermont birth, who removed to New York State, whence, in 1833, they came to Lorain county, Ohio, becoming pioneers of Sheffield township, where they both died. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Myers were born seven children, to wit: Andrew, who died when eight years old; Mary L., wife of Judson Kinney, of Sheffield township (they have three children: Lena, Elmer and Edith); Lorin, married, living in Elyria; Esther, wife of William Cox, has two children—Francis and Lorin; Andrew, living on a farm, who is married and has three children—Alta, Grace and Miles; Alonzo, residing at La Porte, Ohio, who is married and has two children—Jacob and Eva; and Alligan, wife of Charles Cox, has four children—Lottie, Mary, Sumner and George. The parents celebrated, in 1885, their "golden wedding," in the old home where they had first settled as man and wife, and Judge Day, who officiated at the marriage, was among those present. Politically Mr. Myers is a pronounced Republican, casting his first vote for Van-Buren, and has been a member of the township school board.

EDWARD S. FITCH, who for threescore years has been a resident of Avon township, Lorain county, where he has prospered well as a general farmer, is a native of Rutland, Vt., born in 1829.

He is a son of Cyrus and Camilla (Garrett) Fitch, also of Vermont, where they were married, and whence in 1834 they migrated to Lorain county, Ohio, locating in the woods, and there cleared the farm now owned by the subject of this sketch. They purchased, at first, sixty acres, built a log house, and continued to live there the rest of their days, the father dying in 1875; he was prominent in political affairs, first as a Whig, later as a Republican. The mother of our subject taught the first school in the district where the latter now lives, for the first six months of that onerous work receiving no salary; she died in April, 1892, aged eighty-four years. Three children were born to this pioneer couple, viz.: James, deceased when young; Edward S., subject of sketch; and Candace, who died at the age of six years.

Edward S. Fitch, who is the only living representative of the family, was reared on his present farm, and educated at the schools of Cuyahoga county. In 1856 he was married to Miss Eliza Barrows, daughter of Adnah and Clarissa (Day) Barrows, and three children were the result of this union, namely: (1) Daniel, married and residing in Avon township (has two children: Scott and Camilla Louise); (2) Charles, deceased in 1878; and (3) Delia, wife of Michael Henson (they reside in Avon township, and have one child, George). Politically Mr. Fitch is a Republican, taking a lively interest in the affairs of his party.

M. H. LAMPMAN, prominent in mercantile affairs in Lorain county, and proprietor of a general merchandise store in the town of Lorain, is a native of the county, born in Avon township April 16, 1844.

M. Z. Lampman, father of subject, was born in the State of New York of German parents, and his father, who was a hatter by trade, came west many years ago, dying in Wisconsin. M. Z. Lampman in early life came to Lorain county, Ohio, and found employment on the lakes, at one time sailing on the old steamship "Bun-

ker Hill," long since passed away. After leaving the lakes he married Elizabeth Churchill, who was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1820, and he then carried on farming till 1850, in that year removing to a hotel at French Creek, which he kept till the spring of 1853, when he came to Lorain. Here he kept hotel for some time, first in a building which stood opposite the new "Griffin House;" he then bought the place where the "Griffin House" now stands, and in that hostelry did a flourishing business till about 1872. Mr. Lampman was collector for the port of Lorain for about twenty-one years, from Buchanan's time, and he kept a store in the town for some twenty-five years, up till 1865 or '67. About three years before his death he opened a hotel at Lake Breeze, Lorain county, and he also owned a farm there. Politically he was first a Jackson Democrat, and then a Republican from the time of Buchanan. He died at Lake Breeze in 1875, aged sixty-seven years, his widow in the fall of 1892. They were the parents of four children, all of whom grew to maturity, viz.: C. A., deceased wife of E. K. Porter; M. H., subject of sketch; Augusta M., wife of Harry Jones, and George, born in 1847, a painter by trade, who was unmarried, and died in Lorain in April, 1892.

M. H. Lampman, whose name opens this sketch, received a thoroughly practical school training, and from the age of sixteen till two years after his marriage was engaged as store-clerk. In 1869 he went into the butchering business for a time, then worked at carpentry, remaining in the C. L. & W. R. R. shops at Lorain nine and one-half years, or till 1887, since when he has been conducting his present business, in which he has met with unqualified success. In 1867 Mr. Lampman married Miss Julia A. Miller, who was born in 1842 in Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio, daughter of Peter Miller, who is said to have been the hero of the story related in the old-time school primers, to wit: There was once a bear that chased a boy up a tree, following him so closely that he was enabled to grab the boy's foot in his mouth, whereupon the latter let go his hold on the tree and came toppling down to the ground, bear and all, but boy on top; and so great was the surprise of Bruin, who was partially stunned, that he was unable to pursue the lad, who it is unnecessary to add took to his heels without wishing his bearship any ceremonial adieu. In his political predilections Mr. Lampman is a Republican. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and of the F. & A. M., K. P. and K. O. T. M.

E. A. SMITH, for nearly half a century an honored resident of Ridgeville township, whither he came from Connecticut in 1840, is a native of that State, born in 1823.

Our subject is a son of Edward and Sally (Hotchkiss) Smith, also of the "Nutmeg State," the former of whom died there in 1823. The widowed mother continued to reside at her old home till our subject was seventeen years old, so that he received his elementary education at the schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth. In 1840, as above intimated, the family came west to Ohio, making for themselves a new home in the wild woods of Ridgeville township, Lorain county; and here our subject labored with the rest in clearing away the timber and underbrush, and converting the somber forest into sunny fields. He had learned the trade of bone and horn button maker, which he followed in Ridgeville township. He is now owner of fifty-nine acres of land, all highly cultivated and well improved. In 1855 he was married in Ridgeville township to Miss Melvina Terrell, a native of same, and daughter of Willis and Sarepta (Phelps) Terrell, of Connecticut birth, who many years before

marriage became settlers of Ridgeville township, Lorain county. Mr. Terrell came here, when a boy, with his father, Major Willis Terrell, and clearly remembered the news of Perry's victory on Lake Erie. He died in 1881; his widow is yet living in Ridgeville township. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith one child has been born, named Charles P., now married and residing in Ridgeville Center. Politically our subject has been a lifelong Democrat, and has served his township as trustee, real-estate assessor (1870–1890) and treasurer.

J. B. SHEAHAN, of North Amherst, is a native of Hamilton county, Ontario, Canada, born June 21, 1863, a son of John and (Ann) Fox Sheahan.

The father of our subject was born in Limerick, Ireland, and about the time of his marriage went to Canada by way of Quebec, whence he and his wife came farther west. About the year 1850 they came to the United States, where he followed various pursuits, all of a mechanical nature, till 1856, when they returned to Canada, and part of the time resided in Hamilton county, Ontario, until 1865. In that year they came to Lorain county, Ohio, locating west of North Amherst till 1872, when they removed to East Quarries, where the father died in 1876. He was a member of the Catholic Church. The mother of subject, who was born in Limerick, Ireland, November 1 (All Saints Day), 1839, is yet living, a resident of North Amherst. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the following is a brief record: Cornelius is foreman in quarries in Jackson county, Mich.; is married and has one child, Geraldine. Stephen is in Chicago, yardmaster for the Chicago & Great Western Railroad, operated by the Chicago, Kansas City & Nebraska R. R. Co.; is married and has five children, viz.: Mamie, Charley, John, Annie and Maggie. Maggie is living at home. The fourth in order of birth is the subject of this sketch. Lizzie and Jeremiah are still living at home. Patrick F. died in Michigan in 1888, at the age of eighteen years. Mamie is a teacher in the parochial school at North Amherst. Daniel died May 24, 1893, when eighteen years of age.

J. B. Sheahan received his education at the public schools of North Amherst. For eight years he operated a stone sawmill in Michigan, at the end of which time he returned to Lorain county, in March, 1893, and is now in business in North Amherst. He is popular in the town, and is an active member of and official in Catholic Societies, among which may be mentioned the C. M. B. A. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Sheahan was married September 7, 1886, and has two children: Edith, aged five years, and Bernard, aged two years.

NOAH H. PECK, one of the prominent representative farmer citizens of Ridgeville township, is a native of New York State, born in Oswego county, August 17, 1833, a son of Harmon and Lydia (Conkling) Peck.

Harmon Peck was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., a son of Noah and Belinda (Roe) Peck, who had a family of seven children, named as follows: Hiram, Edward, Harmon, Lewis, James, Albert, Lavina G. T. The father of these died in New York State; he was a farmer, also a shoemaker, and a member of the Baptist Church. Harmon Peck, who followed the same vocations as his father, married in New York State, and from there in 1833 moved to Ohio, via water to Cleveland, and thence by wagon to Lorain county, where he bought wild prairie land in Pittsfield township. This he improved and

later sold, purchasing a farm in Ridgeville township, whither he moved in 1842; he died in 1870, his wife in 1880. The children born to them were as follows: Noah H., James, Harriet (now Mrs. George Burrell), and one that died in infancy.

Noah H. Peck, the subject of this sketch, was an infant when his parents brought him to Lorain county, and he received his education at the schools of Ridgeville township. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, which have been his life work, and he is now the owner of sixty acres of prime land, all well improved. In 1860 he was married to Miss Vesta Blain, daughter of Richard Blain, and children as follows have been born to them: Edith (now Mrs. Joseph Cutler, of Ridgeville township), Ida, Ella (deceased), Lydia (wife of Albert Hoftizer), Ernest (in Cleveland), Eddie and Lora, at home. Mr. Peck is independent in his political sympathies, and in matters of religion he is a member of the Disciple Church.

A. D. JOY, a prominent progressive agriculturist of Carlisle township, engaged also in housemoving, is a native of the Buckeye State, born in Aurora, Portage county, March 22, 1836, a son of Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Frost) Joy, the former of whom was born in Massachusetts in 1811. He came in 1831 to Parkman, Portage Co., Ohio, where he was married in 1834 to Elizabeth Frost, a native of Vergennes, Vt., who came with her parents to Portage county. In 1837 Nehemiah Joy came with his family to Lorain county, making a settlement in Carlisle township, where he carried on farming till 1871, at which time he moved to Lee county, Iowa, where he died in 1883; his wife had preceded him to the grave in Carlisle township, Lorain county, in 1882. They reared a family of three children, viz.: A. D.; Marcia M., wife of Rev. William King, a minister of the Congregational Church, now in Michigan; and Orlando F., married, and residing in Carlisle township.

Noah and Marcia (Williams) Joy, paternal grandparents of our subject, were natives of Massachusetts, whence they came to Elyria, Ohio, in 1837. He was a millwright by trade, and in 1849 went to Walworth county, Wis., where his wife died the following year; later he returned to Portage county, Ohio, where he passed the rest of his days. Levi and Elizabeth (Slocum) Frost, maternal grandparents of our subject, were natives of Vermont, and in about 1831 came to Portage county, Ohio; subsequently they moved to St. Charles, Ill., where they both died; he had served in the Revolutionary war.

A. D. Joy, the subject proper of this memoir, received a liberal education at the schools of Carlisle township, Lorain county. For a trade he learned carpentry, which he worked at for some time; for about seven years he was railroading, from 1852 to 1858, commencing as brakeman on the Cleveland & Norwalk Railroad; then went west, and was employed on the Illinois Central, after which he was on the St. Paul & Fond du Lac Railway, as fireman, and later as engineer on the Racine & Mississippi Railway. In 1858 he returned to Lorain county, where he engaged in farming and carpentry, and since 1863 has done a considerable amount of business in housemoving. He owns a farm of fifty-one and a half acres, all in a good state of cultivation, and has accumulated what he owns by his unaided efforts, sound judgment and judicious economy.

Mr. Joy has been thrice married, first time in 1858 to Miss Groveline C. Thorpe, a native of Carlisle township, daughter of Abel M. and Emily (Squires) Thorpe, early pioneers of that township, both of whom are yet living. To this union were born three sons: Elba, married, and residing in Elyria; William, married, and living in Denver, Colo.; and Frank, married,

manager of the Denver (Colo.) College. The mother of these departed this life May 4, 1865, and in 1874 Mr. Joy married Miss Charlotte Saylor, a native of Germany, daughter of David and Margaret Saylor, who were born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to America, settling in Carlisle township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where they both died. The children by this marriage, six in number, are named as follows: Ida, Charles, Alice, Edwin, Edith and Amy. Mrs. Charlotte (Saylor) Joy died April 14, 1887, and on September 25, 1887, Mr. Joy married, for his present wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Pember. In politics he is a Democrat.

MATHIAS MYERS, one of the leading native-born residents of Ridgeville township, of which he is a trustee, first saw the light in 1848.

His father, Mathias Myers, was a native of Coblentz, Germany, where he married Miss Mary Dehn, of the same place, and they then set sail from Antwerp for the United States. After a voyage of seventy-two days they landed in New York, and thence proceeded to Lorain county, Ohio, locating in Ridgeville township in 1847, the place being at that time wild woodlands. Here they opened up a farm of six acres, clearing and improving it until it became one of the best in the county. They had a family of nine children, as follows: Mathias; Philip, a carpenter of Elyria; Peter, married, residing in Ridgeville township; Emma, wife of M. Pitts, Jr., residing in Ridgeville township; Joseph, married, also in Ridgeville township; Maggie, wife of Joseph Blazer, of Dover, Cuyahoga county; Adam, who died at the age of sixteen, his death resulting from the kick of a horse; Clara, deceased when three or four years old; and one that died in infancy. The father was called from earth in March, 1893; the mother is yet living.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the schools of French Creek, and at the age of thirteen commenced working by the month, since when he has continued in agricultural pursuits, successfully conducting the homestead farm, which has been added to till now it comprises fifty-three acres. In 1874 he married, in Elyria, Lorain county, Miss Mary Berres, a native of Germany, daughter of Adam and Mary Berres, who about the year 1858 immigrated to America, settling in Ridgeville township, Lorain Co., Ohio. To this union have been born two children—John Matthew and Amelia. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are members of the Roman Catholic Church at Ridgeville, of which he is treasurer; politically he is a Democrat, and is now serving, in a Republican township, his second term as trustee of same.

E. NORTON, a representative farmer of Amherst township, is a native of Connecticut, born in 1810 to Seymour and Anna (Clark) Norton. The parents were also natives of the Nutmeg State, and in 1813 moved to Genesee county, N. Y., where the father followed farming, and died at the advanced age of ninety years; his wife passed away aged seventy-eight. Seymour Norton was drafted in the war of 1812, and his father served in the Revolutionary war.

The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood in Genesee county, N. Y., and received his education at the schools of the vicinity. In 1833 he came to Lorain county, and made his home for a time in Elyria. For some years he lived in the South, and at Chattanooga, Tenn., was foreman of a large foundry about three years; then, in 1848, started one in Huntsville, Ala. He is the inventor of various kinds of cotton machines. He also traded in coal, having shipped the first coal from East Tennessee to Chattanooga by flat-

boats, and was the first to make coke in Tennessee. From the South he went to New York, and thence in 1860 came again to Lorain county, and in 1863 took up and improved the farm whereon he now resides, in Amherst township, a fine piece of property of one hundred acres, all in a good state of cultivation.

In 1856 Mr. Norton was united in marriage with Miss Adaline Matthews, of Attica, N. Y., and to this union four children have been born, as follows: Grove, a real-estate agent, who is a resident of Utah; Charles E., in the real-estate business at Los Angeles, Cal.; Elnora, wife of George Snyder, of Lorain, and Seymour, at home. Mrs. Norton is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Norton, in his political predilections, is a straight Democrat.

FRED WISE, a leading and well-known general farmer and stock breeder, of Eaton township, is a native of Germany, born in the Duchy of Baden in 1851, son of Peter and Louisa (Miller) Wise, also of Baden.

The parents of subject immigrated to the United States about 1854, and coming to Ohio made their home in Medina county four years; then moving to Grafton township, Lorain county, there passed the remainder of their active lives in farm work, the father dying in 1888, the mother passing away in Grafton township in 1882. The record of their family of children, nine in number, is in part as follows: Recka is the wife of Jacob Clinet, of Grafton; Louisa, who married John Kline, died about 1873 in Cuyahoga county; Henry (married) lives in Grafton township; Louis (married) is a farmer of Grafton township; Fred is the subject of sketch; Chris (married) resides in Illinois; Hannah resides in Grafton; Katie is the wife of William Law, of Liverpool township, Medina county; Jacob (unmarried) resides at Grafton.

The subject of our sketch was two and a half years of age when he came to Ohio, and received his education at the schools of Grafton township, Lorain county, gaining as well a thorough insight into the arduous duties of farming, which he has made his life vocation. In 1884 he moved to Eaton township, and here bought of W. H. Rowe the farm he now owns, comprising some ninety-two acres of valuable land, which he improved and subsequently added to until he now owns one hundred acres of prime land, all in a good state of cultivation. He is proprietor of the full registered Belgian stallion, "Gen. Chanzy," imported by Douglas & Howell.

In 1873 Mr. Wise was married in Grafton township, Lorain county, to Sarah Goodman, a native of Grafton, and daughter of Jacob and Mary (Euga) Goodman, early settlers of Grafton township, both now deceased, the former of whom was born in Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., N. Y., in 1818. By this union there are four children: Nellie, Charles, Burt and Ella. Our subject takes a lively interest in politics, invariably voting the straight Democratic ticket; socially he is a mem- of Leonard Tent No. 31, Knights of the Maccabees, in which he has held office.

JAMES M. JAYCOX, a well-known fruit grower of Avon township, is a native of same, born in 1849, son of George and Mary (Madison) Jaycox, both of whom were born in New York State.

George Jaycox, father of our subject, was reared in his native State up to the age of fifteen years, and in 1828 migrated west with his parents, Samuel and Sarah Jaycox, who were also natives of New York. They settled in an early day in Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where they passed the remainder of their lives. George Jaycox also took up a farm in the

woods of Avon township, where he became a prominent citizen. He was a lifelong Republican, an active member of the party, and held various township offices. He died in 1873, his wife surviving him three or four years. They were the parents of ten children, viz.: Charles, who died at the age of seven years; Jane, wife of J. Bure, of Avon township, who was a soldier in the Civil war; Eliza, wife of O. Moore, of Avon township, who also served in the Civil war; James M.; Emily, wife of J. Ketcham, residing in Lorain; Alice, wife of H. G. Brown, of Lorain; Anson, married, who makes his home in Dover township, Cuyahoga county; Henry, a resident of Lorain; Minnie, wife of J. Brown, of Lorain; and William, living in Avon township.

James M. Jaycox was brought up on the home farm in Avon township, in the common schools of which place he received his education, and later engaged in mercantile business in Lorain. He now gives his attention to the culture, as well as the buying and selling, of grapes, and since embarking in this business has handled over 400,000 baskets of that fruit. Since 1880 he has resided on his present farm in Avon township, where he has eight acres devoted to grapes, and he also raises other fruit; he is the owner of forty-one acres of land in Avon township. In 1879 Mr. Jaycox was married, in Elyria, to Miss Ida L. Hilliard, a native of Wisconsin, daughter of Joseph W. Hilliard, who was a blacksmith, and an early settler of Avon township, whence he subsequently removed to Wisconsin, where he died. To Mr. and Mrs. Jaycox have been born three children, namely: Ethel, Lora and Frances. Politically our subject is a stanch member of the Republican party, and held the position of postmaster at Avon Lake for seven years. Socially he is a member of Avon Tent No. 1, K. O. T. M., French Creek. He is secretary and treasurer of the Lorain County Grape-growers Shipping Association, which organization has a membership of 125, and in 1893 shipped 150 carloads of grapes from Avon Station. Our subject and wife are both active workers in all religious movements; Mrs. Jaycox is an ardent worker in the temperance cause, and is president of the W. C. T. U. of Avon Lake. They are both members of the M. E. Church, in which Mr. Jaycox holds the offices of steward and trustee, and he has served as superintendent of the Sabbath-school for many years.

JOHN E. PLATO, of the hardware firm of J. Wesbecher & Co., in North Amherst, was born in the Kingdom of Hanover November 11, 1848, a son of John and Wilhelmina (Bodmann) Plato, also natives of Hanover.

The family came to America in 1857, and after landing proceeded westward to Ohio, locating first at Vermillion, Erie county, later settling permanently in North Amherst. The father was a professional musician, in his native land, but in this country he conducted a livery business. He died December 5, 1890, at the age of seventy-five years; his widow, now in her seventy-sixth year, is living with her son John E. They were the parents of four children.

The subject of this sketch, who is second in order of birth, received his education at the parochial schools of New York, his attendance there covering some four years, after which he returned to North Amherst and engaged in the livery business. Later he commenced in the grocery and dry-goods business, and for the past ten years has been a member of the firm of Plato Bros., in that line; also one of the firm of J. Wesbecher & Co., in hardware, at North Amherst, and connected with the North Amherst Furniture Co. Of all these interests Mr. Plato now gives his sole attention to the hardware business.

John L. Clark

The firm carry a full and complete line of shelf and heavy goods. He is also a stockholder in the Savings Deposit Bank of North Amherst.

On November 29, 1877, Mr. Plato was united in marriage with Miss Lena Menz, who was born at North Amherst, Ohio, July 26, 1856, a daughter of John Peter and Matilde Menz, natives of Bavaria, Germany, who came to America May 2, 1853. To Mr. and Mrs. Plato have been born five children, namely: Leonora, Agatha, John, Henry and Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Plato are stanch members of the Catholic Church, and influential pillars thereof. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and is active in municipal affairs.

Mr. Plato has for years been one of the leading business men of North Amherst, and is progressive and public-spirited.

THOMAS FOX, an enterprising and wide-awake farmer of Sheffield township, is a native of County Roscommon, Ireland, born in 1833, a son of John and Mary (Dowd) Fox, farmers in that county, where they both died. They reared a family of nine children, two of whom came to Lorain county, Ohio—Thomas and John, the latter of whom arrived in about 1846, settling in Sheffield township, where he cleared a farm and passed the rest of his days.

Thomas Fox came from his native Ireland to Lorain county in 1854, and worked by the month for some time. In 1858 he bought thirty-five acres of land in Sheffield township, to which he has added from time to time till he now owns sixty-six acres of highly improved land. The old log cabin in which he and his wife first lived has given place to a comfortable two-story house, 18 x 28, with an "L" 14 x 24, equipped with a good barn and outhouses, and all modern improvements.

In 1858 Mr. Fox was married to Miss Catherine Coughlin, and two children—Anna and Katie—have been born to them. The mother was called from earth March 14, 1889. Politically our subject is a Democrat, and he and his family are members of the Catholic Church.

J. SQUIRES, a representative agriculturist of Carlisle township, is a native of Lorain county, born in 1835 in Elyria township.

He is a son of Amasa and Jerusha (Carter) Squires, the former of whom was a native of New York State, the latter of Vermont. In early manhood Amasa Squires came westward to Lorain county, Ohio, during pioneer days, and here followed farming the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-eight years. Mrs. Squires died in Lorain county when aged fifty-five years. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Jegertha, deceased when sixteen years old; Grazelda, who died at the age of seven years; T. J., subject of this memoir; Fitzgerald, who was shot during the Civil war; Amasa, who died on Johnson's Island; Marcella, married to Thomas Sherwood; and one that died in infancy. The father of this family was an active politician, and was an ardent member of the Democratic party.

T. J. Squires was reared on the home farm to the manifold duties of agricultural life, in the meantime receiving an education in the common schools of the district. When twenty-three years old he went to Nebraska, thence to Colorado, remaining in the West eight years, during which time he was engaged in mining, and also in cattle dealing and droving, crossing the plains twelve times with stock. Mr. Squires was united in marriage, at the age of thirty-three, with Miss Perscis Farr, a native of Carlisle township, and they have five chil

dren, namely: Arthur, Eubie, Orlin, Creta and Elwin. Since his return to Lorain county our subject has been engaged in general agriculture, and is now owner of a well-improved farm of 163 acres. In his political affiliations he is a stanch member of the Democratic party.

MRS. PHEBE L. FARR, who has been a resident of Lorain county for the past three-quarters of a century, and has been an eye-witness to its full development, deserves more than a passing notice in the pages of this volume.

She is a native of New York State, born in 1812 in the town of Ovid, a daughter of Henry and Eliza (Glazier) Halford, who were married in New York State. In 1817 the family set out with a team on a journey to the then "Far West," arriving in Lorain county, Ohio, in February, 1818, and settling in what is now Carlisle township, where they followed agriculture. The father died in Carlisle township in 1859, the mother in 1862, in her eightieth year. To Henry and Eliza Halford were born nine children, as follows: Reuben, married, died in Lorain county in 1858; Phebe L. is the subject proper of this memoir; Henry S. was married in Lorain county, and died in Michigan in 1892; Jeremiah, a widower, resides in Eaton township; Louisa and Laura are both deceased; Humphrey served in the war of the Rebellion, and died from the effects of a wound; Rebecca is deceased, and Lorenzo died young. Grandfather Edwin Halford was a native of England, whence at the age of sixteen he came to New York. He was a soldier in both the Revolution and the French and Indian war.

Phebe L. Halford was about six years old when she came to Lorain county with her parents, and she was educated at the schools of the locality. In 1832 she was married, in Carlisle township, to Lowell Farr, son of Abel and Polly (Smith) Farr, all natives of Vermont, who in 1817 came to Lorain county, where they passed from earth, Mrs. Farr's husband in 1861. Our subject is the mother of ten children, of whom the following is a brief record: Eliza is the widow of William Pember, of Eaton, Lorain county, and has two children: Odelpha and William; Rosalie is the wife of Elias Disbro, of Michigan, and they have six children: Minerva, Phebe, Emma, Ellsworth, Euba and John; Hannah is the widow of George Seeley, and has four children: Esther, Lemuel, Eliza and Frank; Perscis is the wife of T. J. Squires, of Carlisle township; Lowell, married, resides in Pittsfield township, Lorain county, and has three children: Cora, William and George; Ephraim is married, lives in Michigan, and has five children: Eddie, Emma, Florence, Lena and Hazel; Lauren is married to Hermina Drusendohl, and they have four children: Edna, Earl, Herschel and Ruby (they all reside at the old home); Phebe was married to Lafayette Dumas, and died in 1871; Laura died in childhood; Bird is married, has two children—Ethel and Phebe—and lives in Amherst township, Lorain county.

CHESTER A. PRESTON, a prosperous farmer of Carlisle township, is a native of Ohio, born in York township, Medina county, in 1840.

Adolphus Preston, father of subject, of Connecticut birth, married, in New York State, Miss Charlotte Shaw, a native of same, and in an early day they came to Ohio. For a time they resided in Medina county, in 1847 moving to Grafton township, Lorain county, later locating in LaGrange township and finally in Carlisle, where they died, the father in 1878, the mother in 1874. He served in the war of

1812 in a battery of artillery. Four children were born to them, namely: Eliza, who married Joshua Wilbur, and died in 1856 in Medina county; Emily, who died in Medina county in 1843; Horace, who died in 1852 in Grafton township, Lorain county; and Chester A., subject of this sketch. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, was taken prisoner by the British and conveyed to Van Dieman's land; after the war he was released and sent home, and died in New York State.

Chester A. Preston received a good practical school training in the educational institutions of the vicinity of his boyhood home, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, which have been his life work. He now owns a good farm of eighty-two acres in Carlisle township. In 1865 he was married, in LaGrange township, to Miss Mary Goodman, who was born in New York State, a daughter of George and Betsy (Leversee) Goodman, of New York, who came to Ohio in 1852, settling in Grafton village, Lorain county, where the father died in March, 1866, the mother some years before. To Mr. and Mrs. Preston have been born three children: Mary, Bertie and Grace. In his political sympathies our subject is a Republican. Mrs. Preston is a member of the Union Church.

G A. REAMER, general merchant, and one of the most energetic and enterprising citizens of North Amherst, is a native of Huron county, Ohio, born near Norwalk September 16, 1859. He is a son of Anthony and Mary (Eisenbeis) Reamer, the former of whom was born in Peru township, Huron Co., Ohio. He was a merchant in Norwalk for some sixteen years, then in Monroeville, same county, eighteen or twenty years, from which place he moved to Toledo, where he now lives.

The subject of this memoir received the greater part of his education in Monroeville, after which he lived in Tiffin, Ohio, for two years. In 1884 he came to North Amherst, worked six months at the dry-goods business, and then entered into a partnership with Plato Bros., in mercantile business, which continued three years, at the end of which time he commenced for his own account in North Amherst. In 1889 he put up his present brick building, and in 1891 added thirty-four feet to it, the dimensions at present being 30 x 90 feet, two stories in height, while his stock in trade consists of dry goods, carpets, curtains, wall-paper, boots and shoes, etc. Five clerks do the selling for this large concern. Mr. Reamer, himself, speaks German as well as English.

On April 28, 1885, C. A. Reamer and Miss Maggie Weisenberger were united in marriage, and the following named four children were born to them: Esther, Leona, Norbert and Victor. In politics our subject is independent, and he is a member of the Catholic Church. He is active in all public affairs, and wields much influence in the community.

G EORGE WICKENS, funeral director and furniture dealer, Lorain, and president of the Funeral Directors Association of Ohio, was born July 19, 1852, in the south of England.

At the age of ten years he commenced working in a furniture store, learning the trade of cabinet maker and joiner, and fully completing his apprenticeship when about nineteen years old. At that time (1871) he came to America, and for a time sojourned in St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada, whence in 1873 he came to Lorain, Ohio, making here a permanent settlement. He first engaged in carpenter work —contracting and building—which he carried on till 1883, in which year he em-

barked in his present undertaking and furniture business in Bowens Hall. He then, in order to further qualify himself for the profession of funeral director, attended lectures at the Embalming College, Cleveland, Ohio, and at Clark's School of Embalming, from which he graduated in August, 1888. He had also become, in 1886, a member of the Funeral Directors Association of Ohio, and at the meeting of June 2, 1892, at Columbus, Ohio, was elected its president. In 1891 he erected on Broadway, Lorain, a brick building, 36 x 114, three stories high with basement, two floors of which are occupied with his business, the upper floor, which is a hall, being rented by the I. O. O. F.

In 1875 Mr. Wickens was united in marriage with Miss Celia E. Chapman, and they had one child, George B. This wife dying in 1876, our subject married, in England, in 1877, for his second wife, Miss Mary A. Colly, and three children have been born to them, viz.: William A., Elizabeth M. and Edward M. In politics Mr. Wickens is a Republican, and for many years he has been a member of and local preacher in the M. E. Church, of the Sunday-school of which he has been superintendent for many years. He has visited his native land many times, on one occasion remaining there four years. Mr. Wickens is a representative self-made man, one who from absolutely nothing has, by intelligence, energy, business acumen and unquestionable probity, worked his way from the bottom rung of the ladder to prosperity and comparative affluence. He is now a leader in both branches of his business, in northern Ohio, and is well and favorably known throughout the entire State. "In all local matters, he is always to be found on the right side, aiming constantly to build up and improve the interests of his fellows and the city in which he lives. In addition to his many duties in connection with several Fraternal organizations, he is faithful in the discharge of the responsibilities which come to him as a director in the Lorain Savings and Banking Co., and also of the Citizens Home and Loan Association of Lorain. In all things Mr. Wickens has endeavored to exemplify all that is contained in one sentence, namely: An industrious Christian gentleman."

HENRY BICKEL, a prominent, well-to-do agriculturist of Black River township, was born on his present farm March 27, 1844.

He is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Wetzel) Bickel, who came from Germany to Ohio at an early day where the father worked for a time on the Maumee Canal and at other employment. They then settled on a farm in Black River township, Lorain county, where they passed the rest of their lives. When they came here Indians and wild animals roamed the forest, and the country was a comparative wilderness. The father died at the age of sixty-five years and eleven months; the mother is yet living, now aged seventy-one years. Of their children our subject is the only survivor.

Henry Bickel received his education in the public and district schools, and when a youth, during the war of the Rebellion, was drafted into the army, but had not proceeded toward the seat of hostilities farther than Cleveland, when he secured a substitute, and returned home. On March 22, 1866, he married Miss Sophia C. Hildebrand, who was born in Black River township, Lorain Co., Ohio, March 16, 1846, a daughter of Benjamin and Eliza (Appemann) Hildebrand, natives of Germany. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bickel, viz.: Frances E. (wife of George Horn, car inspector for the C. L. & W. R. R. Co.), Emma E., Charley F., George M., Reuben E. and Arthur H. Mr. Bickel in his political predilections is a Democrat, and he is a member of the

Evangelical Church. He has been township trustee for three years, and school director, twenty-two. His fine farm of 123 acres gives evidence of the care, thrift and sound judgment of the owner, who justly enjoys the confidence and good will of his neighbors.

CYRUS L. WHITTLESEY, of Brownhelm township, is a native of same, having been born on his present farm August 8, 1831. He is a son of Solomon and Sarah (Sherman) Whittlesey, the former of whom was born in Stockbridge, Mass., April 30, 1786, the latter in New Haven, Conn., March 23, 1796.

Solomon Whittlesey, father of subject, was twice married, first time in 1811 to Miss O. Kirby, who was born in 1784. They came to Brownhelm township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and settled on the farm on which they passed the remainder of their lives. By this marriage there were four children, viz.: Mary, born February 6, 1812, now the widow of Rev. L. D. Butts, and residing in Erie, Penn.; Edmund, born June 17, 1814, married and residing in Winnebago county, Ill.; Eliphalet, born April 7, 1816, married and residing in Calhoun county, Iowa; and Calista, born May 29, 1819, deceased wife of H. Woodruff. The mother of this family died in 1823, and in 1824 Mr. Whittlesey married Miss Sarah Sherman. Solomon Whittlesey was a soldier in the war of 1812, and received bounty land. In an early day he worked in an ashery in Lorain county, and he was a noted hunter. In politics he was originally an Abolitionist, but in his later years he voted the straight Republican ticket. Among other public offices he held the position of township trustee. He died February 22, 1871; his widow was called from earth in 1873. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: David, born September 15, 1825, died at the age of nineteen; Solomon, born February 27, 1827, died aged fifteen years; Parmelia, born May 24, 1829, wife of Henry Stoddard, lives at Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio; Cyrus L. is the subject of this sketch; Sarah, born March 11, 1833, was married to Irvin French, of Winnebago, Ill., and died in May, 1890; John M., born April 19, 1837, died in March, 1838; and James Monroe, born November 10, 1840, died March 5, 1842.

Cyrus L. Whittlesey enlisted in 1861 in the Union army, three months' service, and when the call was made for three years' men he enlisted at Columbus, Ohio, in Company K, Twenty-third O. V. I. His regiment was assigned to the army of the Potomac, and our subject participated in the battle of Carnifex Ferry, the second fought in West Virginia; was at the capture of Morgan; Second Bull Run; South Mountain; Antietam; on scouting service in West Virginia, thence to Stanton, Va., after which they took prisoners to Columbus, Ohio. He was shot through the hand while in pursuit and capture of Morgan. He was discharged at Columbus, July 6, 1864, and returned home.

In 1869 Mr. Whittlesey was united in marriage in Brownhelm township, Lorain county, with Miss Lucy Bacon, a native of that township, and daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Davis) Bacon, the father a native of Stockbridge, Mass., the mother of Connecticut; he was a manufacturer in the East, and coming to Lorain county, Ohio, in 1828, followed farming until his death in 1865; his widow followed him to the grave in 1875. They were the parents of ten children, viz.: Jane H., wife of Edmund West, of Oberlin, Ohio; George, who died at the age of nine years; Henry, deceased at the age of three; Samuel, who died in Lorain county, Ohio, when forty years old; Eliza, residing in Oberlin, Ohio; Benjamin, who during the Civil war enlisted in the one hundred days' service, and now lives in Anderson county, Kans.; Henry Clay, who in 1862 enlisted

in Brownhelm township, Lorain county, in Company F, One Hundred and Third O. V. I., and was in the army of the West with Sherman (he now lives in Wood county, Ohio); the eighth in order of birth is Lucy, wife of our subject; Charles B., who died at the age of forty-six, and Ruth A., whose home is now in Oberlin, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Whittlesey have one child living, Hayes B., at home.

In his political preferences our subject is a Prohibitionist. He is a member, and has been commander, of Rice Post, No. 148 G. A. R., and he and his wife are associated with the Congregational Church. They have a fine farm of 112 acres confined to general agriculture. Mr. Whittlesey is a crack rifle shot, one of the best in the county, and takes great delight in hunting.

H B. MARTINDALE, member of the well-known firm of Martindale & Leonard, dealers in general merchandise, hardware, tinware, tobacco, etc., French Creek, where they commenced business in 1890, has been a resident of Avon township since 1873. He was born in 1849 in Lake county, Ohio, son of Harrison L. and Ann E. (Brown) Martindale, also natives of that county, where the father still resides; the mother died in 1859. Grandmother Laura M. (Babbett) Reynolds, who is a daughter of David Babbett, a native of Massachusetts, who came to Ohio in an early day, was born in Ohio, and came to Mentor, Lake county, where she yet resides at the advanced age of eighty-five.

Our subject was reared to manhood in Lake county, where he received his early education, and then engaged in farming and tree-grafting until 1873, when, as above related, he came to Avon township, Lorain county, where he now owns a snug little farm of eleven acres in a good state of cultivation. In 1879 Mr. Martindale was married, in Avon township, to Miss Carrie L., daughter of David L. Sawyer, an early pioneer of the township, and to their union have been born two children: Laura E. and Mary Eleanor, who died when twenty-three months old. In politics our subject is a Republican, and is at present serving as justice of the peace, which position he has held for seven years. Socially he is a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Elyria; and of the K. O. T. M., Tent 18, French Creek, in which he is past commander.

D L. SAWYER, a well-known pioneer farmer of Avon township, where he has resided since September, 1838, was born, in 1821, in Schoharie county, New York.

John and Rhoda (Lynes) Sawyer, parents of this gentleman, were also natives of New York State, where they were married, and whence, in 1838, they removed to Lorain county, Ohio, settling near French Creek in Avon township, where they made a permanent home. The father, who was a blacksmith, died in 1868, the mother in 1872. They had a family of ten children, a brief record of whom is as follows: D. L. is the subject of these lines; James died in Avon township in 1848; Polly became the wife of Riley Barrows, of Avon township, where she died; Philip died in Elyria, Lorain county; Henry, who was a sailor, was drowned in the St. Clair river; Ambrose, married, resides in Lorain; Betsy Ann died unmarried; Sturgia died in Avon township; Adeline lives in Avon township; Phebe died in Michigan. Grandfather Lynes was a soldier in the Revolution, and was with Gen. St. Clair at the time of his defeat.

D. L. Sawyer received his literary training in the common schools of his native State, and was reared in New York up to his eighteenth year, when he came with his

parents from Oneida county to Avon township, Lorain county, where he has principally engaged in farming. He learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for thirty years, since when he has given his exclusive attention to agriculture. He owns a good fruit farm of twenty-seven acres, besides another tract, his lands comprising in all seventy-two acres. On October 19, 1843, Mr. Sawyer was united in marriage, in Avon township, with Miss Eliza Lyon, a native of New York State, daughter of Elexander and Alice Lyon, who came from New York to Lorain county, Ohio, in 1830, being among the earliest pioneers of LaGrange township. The father subsequently removed to Nauvoo, Ill., and thence to Ogden, Utah, where he now resides. To Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer have been born five children, namely: David, married, who resides in Avon township; Carrie L. and Emma (twins), the former of whom is the wife of H. B. Martindale, of Avon township, the latter the wife of Rev. F. N. Phelps, a Baptist minister of Tiró, Crawford Co., Ohio; Delia; and James, married, a resident of Ridgeville township. In his political preferences Mr. Sawyer is an ardent Republican, and has served as township trustee; he cast his first ballot for James G. Birney, and later voted for John C. Fremont. Socially he is a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 56, Elyria. In religious connection he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church at French Creek.

CHARLES H. GLENN, a well-known contractor and builder, of Oberlin, was born December 20, 1857, at Delphos, Allen Co., Ohio, a son of George M. and Augusta L. W. (King) Glenn, the former a native of Virginia, the latter of Prussia.

He received his education at the public schools of Oberlin, then learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. In 1884 he embarked in the contracting business with the firm known as Glenn & Copeland, in which he has since continued, and he has done contracting in various places, among which may be mentioned Colorado Springs, his work, however, lying chiefly in Oberlin, where he resides. He makes a specialty of dwelling houses, and conducts quite an extensive business, giving employment to from five to thirty men.

Mr. Glenn was united in marriage December 20, 1881, with Miss Effie V. Tuck, who was born in Gallia county, Ohio, and reared in Oberlin, a daughter of John C. and Eliza (Dyer) Tuck. To this union have been born three children, namely: Lucretia, Wilhelmina, Frankie D. and Charles A., of whom Frankie died at the age of ten months. Our subject is a Republican, and takes an active interest in politics; he is now serving a second term as member of the city council. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn are both members of the First Congregational Church at Oberlin.

ARTEMAS BEEBE, proprietor of book-store and dealer in books, stationery and mouldings, Elyria, is a native of that city, born May 26, 1869, a grandson of Artemas Beebe, who came of an old New England family, and son of Artemas and Nancy (Fisher) Beebe.

Artemas Beebe, second son of the late Artemas Beebe, who came here from Massachusetts in 1817 with the late Heman Ely, and assisted in making an opening in the wilderness where Elyria now stands, died at his farm residence on Cleveland street, August 27, 1891. Deceased was born in Elyria, October 10, 1825, and spent all of his nearly sixty-three years in Elyria. He attended the public schools until he was about fifteen years of age, when he entered the dry-goods store of the late Seymour M. Baldwin, where he

was employed as clerk for a few years, and then engaged in farming pursuits. On November 25, 1847, he married Miss Nancy L. Fisher, of Grafton, and soon after moved to his farm near the city, where, with the exception of two years, he spent his remaining life. On the death of his father in 1880, he became the owner of the "Beebe House," which he leased until 1886, when he took possession as manager and remained two years, then returning to his farm, which comprised 200 acres, and was located entirely inside the corporation of Elyria. The children born to him were William A., Mary, Frank and Artemas. His widow is still living on the old homestead.

The origin of Mr. Beebe's illness dated from the winter of 1890, when he suffered from a severe attack of La Grippe, from which he recovered in a few weeks; but in January, 1891, he had a recurrence of the same disease, his heart becoming affected, resulting in dropsy, which terminated his life.

In all his duties of husband, father and neighbor, he occupied a high place in the esteem of his fellow-citizens; and while his family, consisting of his wife, three sons and one daughter, will more deeply feel their bereavement, the Church and more especially the Sunday-schools of Lorain county, in which for many years he has taken an active interest, will miss his presence and counsel. Mr. Beebe was a member and a regular attendant of the Congregational Sunday-school of Elyria for sixty years. For ten years he was its assistant superintendent. He has also for many years been the Chairman of the executive committee of the Lorain County Sunday-school Union, and the success of its annual meeting has been owing more to his constant and efficient labor than to any other cause. Mr. Beebe was an active and honored member of the Congregational Church of Elyria for thirty-three years. In his official duties; in his intercourse with his fellow-members; in the largeness of his Christian charity and fellowship, as well as in his daily social and business life, he aimed to be true to his high calling of God.

Artemas Beebe, whose name introduces this sketch, received a liberal education at the public schools of his native town, and graduated in the class of 1890. In April, 1891, he opened out his present business, and has met with well-merited success. On December 16, 1891, he was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Mapes, also a native of Elyria, and who had been a schoolmate of Mr. Beebe's. In political preferences our subject is a Republican, and in church connection he is a Congregationalist.

H. G. REDINGTON, a prominent and widely esteemed attorney at law of North Amherst, is one of the rising young barristers of Lorain county, of which he is a native, born July 10, 1858.

His father, R. N. Redington, a native of Massachusetts, came to Amherst township in 1819, being at the time three years old. He was a farmer all his life, and died at the age of sixty-nine years. He married Miss M. E. Tyler, who was born in 1823 of Connecticut people, and she is yet living; she is, as was also her husband, a member of the Disciple Church.

The subject of this biographical sketch received his elementary education at the district schools, afterward attending Oberlin College, where he completed the junior year; thence went to Cornell (N. Y.) University, one term, after which he commenced to read law with Hon. J. F. Burket, now on the supreme court bench. On June 4, 1884, he was admitted to the bar, and at once opened an office in North Amherst, Lorain county, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He has successfully carried

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through cases *versus* railroads, involving a considerable amount of litigation, and succeeded in securing the compromise between North Amherst and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, the nature of which was as follows: The question involved was whether the railway company could raise the grade of its railway through the village and over the streets and narrow the streets at the intersections, without consent of the village or the payment of damages to abutting owners. The question was decided in favor of the village, that the railway company could not.

In 1885 Mr. Redington was elected mayor of North Amherst, serving till 1893, in all four continuous terms. He is president of the Savings Deposit Bank, of which he was one of the chief organizers; is president of the North Amherst Shear Company, and assisted in organizing the North Amherst Furniture Company, of which he is a stockholder. Politically he is an uncompromising Democrat, a pronounced Cleveland man on the Tariff question. Socially he is a member of the K. of P., the K. O. T. M., and the I. O. O. F., of which he was District Deputy Grand Master.

In 1884 Mr. Redington was united in marriage with Miss Lulu C. Moore, daughter of Dr. A. C. Moore, of North Amherst, and three children have been born to them: Harry M., Blanche G. and Horace Raymond.

MICHAEL EPPLEY, one of the thrifty and prosperous agriculturists of Elyria township, is a native of Wittenberg, Germany, born December 7, 1821, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Keller) Eppley, also natives of the Fatherland.

In April, 1832, the family set sail from Holland for the New World, and after a voyage of fifty-five days landed at Philadelphia. From there they proceeded westward to Ohio, locating at Zanesville, Muskingum county, where the parents passed from earth, the father at the age of eighty-six, the mother when seventy-six years old. They had eleven children—nine sons and two daughters—and seven of the sons are now living, all near Zanesville, Ohio, except our subject, while the two daughters reside in Michigan.

Michael Eppley was reared to manhood in Zanesville, Ohio, where he received his education, and worked hard to make a little money which he saved in his boyhood. At the age of twenty years he commenced carpentry, a trade he followed for twenty-one years; also farming, in connection doing a considerable amount in contracting and building. He was in the employ of the State of Ohio, constructing dams and docks in the Muskingum river. At the age of twenty-three he was united in marriage with Miss Rosina Harsch (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harsch), a native of Wittenberg, Germany, coming with her parents to America when six years old. Thirteen children were born to this union—five sons and eight daughters—namely: William, who went west and died (he was married to Mary Mauer; left two children); Mary, wife of Mose Beal, also died at an early age (left seven children); Katherine, wife of Samuel Beal, has eight children; Caroline, wife of Jacob Schaible, has two children; Jacob, married to Kate Martin, has four children; Rosa, died at the age of twelve years; Solomon, married to Nellie Bender, and has one child; Christena, wife of Henry Martin, has four children; Abram, married Mary Martin, has four children; Matilda, wife of Ernest Drunagle, has one child; Mose, married to Mary Spiegelberg, and has one child; Lydia, wife of William Spiegelberg, and Cora, residing at home.

Shortly after marriage Mr. Eppley purchased a farm in York township, Morgan county, containing 240 acres of

land, which he improved and then sold just before coming to Elyria. He came to Lorain county in 1874, and bought his present farm, containing one hundred acres (in Elyria township), bordering on the town of Elyria (on Murry Ridge, southwest of town), paying one hundred and twenty dollars cash per acre for same. After two years the mother died at the age of fifty-one years, which was a sore loss to the whole family, and here he has since remained as a widower (his daughter Cora keeping house for him).

Mr. Eppley always was, and is to this day, for his age, an active man as well as ambitious; honest in all his dealings. In religion he is an earnest, steadfast follower of Christ, and has been from early life. He is a member of the Evangelical Church. His greatest aim is to reach his heavenly home.

ALFRED E. HALE, farmer and cheese manufacturer of Carlisle township, is a native of Lorain county, born March 23, 1862, on Henrietta Hill. He is a son of George and Anna M. (Smith) Hale, the former of whom was among the pioneers of Carlisle township, having settled there when his son, Alfred E., was but ten days old.

The subject of this sketch was reared to agricultural pursuits on his father's farm, received his literary training in the common schools of Carlisle township until sixteen years of age, and then studied for one term at the Elyria high school. For the next two years he was employed in the Hart Cheese Factory, at that time operated by William A. Braman, and then worked in Sullivan and Ashland counties, Ohio. When nineteen years old he purchased, in partnership with a brother, the farm on which his brother resides, and on which they have since made many improvements, and there Mr. Hale carries on a prosperous cheese-making business, keeping twenty cows. He manufactures a full cream cheese, and receives New York State prices for all his dairy products, for which there is a constant demand.

In 1886 Mr. Hale was united in marriage with Miss Buda Bell Peabody, and they have two children, namely: Gilbert N. and Cassie B. Our subject is a member of the Republican party, and takes an active interest in political questions. He is recognized as one of the thorough-going, progressive business men of Carlisle township, where he has established himself in a profitable line of trade.

CHARLES H. WARBURTON, master mechanic for the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroad, at Lorain, was born September 17, 1846, at Cleveland, Ohio. His father, Thomas Warburton, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, married Martha Rummage, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and they reared a family of five children—four sons and one daughter—of whom Charles H. is the eldest. The mother died in 1878, the father is now residing at Birmingham, Ohio.

Charles H. Warburton grew to manhood in his native city, receiving his education in the public schools of same. At the age of sixteen he engaged with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company to learn the trade of machinist, and served some five and a half years. For some time after he worked as contractor in the Wilson Sewing Machine Shops at Cleveland, but again returned to the railroad business. In 1873 he came to Lorain county, engaged with the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroad as gang boss, and afterward as general foreman, in which capacity he served until 1882, after which time he held the position of master

mechanic, being superintendent of 334 men. In July, 1893, he resigned his position on the railroad to embark in his present business in Cleveland, Ohio, in partnership with E. C. Angell, the style of the firm being "Viaduct Machine and Tool Co."

On November 13, 1873, Mr. Warburton was married, at Cleveland, to Miss May J. Angell, and to their union have been born six children: Charles, Lewis, Henry, Katie, Cora and Frank. Politically our subject is a prominent member of the Republican party, in whose welfare he takes an active interest; he has served in various positions of trust, has been a member of the city council, and for five years was president of the City Water Works. Socially he is a member of Woodland Lodge No. 226, K. of P., and of the K. O. T. M.; he is also a member of the F. & A. M., K. T., and of the A. A. O. N. M. S.

JOHN RILEY, JR., one of the prominent representative young men of Amherst township, is a native-born Ohioan, having first seen the light of day in Erie county in 1856.

He is a son of John and Bridget (Welch) Riley, the father born in Ireland. Coming to America in 1844 he made his home in Erie county, Ohio, a number of years. About 1868 he removed with his family to Lorain county, and he now resides in Elyria township. He has been a lifelong farmer, and in politics a stanch Democrat. Eight children were born to John and Bridget Riley, all yet living.

John Riley, Jr., received his education in the public schools of Elyria and Berlin Heights. For some years he followed agricultural pursuits, and he now owns a good farm of one hundred acres in Amherst township. In 1882 he commenced contracting for the Toledo & Cleveland Railroad, northern and southern division, and later has been employed in getting out ship timber.

Mr. Riley has been twice married: first time in 1880 to Miss Jennie Davis, who died in 1883, and he subsequently, in 1889, married Miss Carrie Armert. He takes an active interest in politics, and is a strong, useful member of the Democratic party. Since September, 1893, he has been the efficient and courteous postmaster at North Amherst.

HENRY HITCHCOCK, prominent in the farming community of Columbia township, of which he is a native, is a son of Samuel and Amelia (Osborne) Hitchcock.

Samuel Hitchcock was born, in 1786, in Waterbury, Conn., whence in 1810 he came to Columbia township, Lorain county, traveling the entire distance with a team, the journey occuping some six weeks. Here he opened up three farms, and became a prosperous agriculturist. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican. His wife, Amelia (Osborne), was also born in Connecticut, and died in April, 1892, a daughter of Asel and Mary (Hoadley) Osborne, who came to Columbia township, Lorain county, from Connecticut in 1810. To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hitchcock were born seven children, of whom the following is a brief record: Alma, who married James R. Ruple, died in Olmsted township, Cuyahoga county, in June, 1892; Julia, who was the wife of Cyrus Ruple, died in about 1882; Minerva, the wife of James Warnock, died in 1893; Marietta, widow of Winslow Shaw, resides in Michigan; Amanda, who was the wife of Abner Houston, died in Ridgeville township at the age of twenty-five; Amelia, Mrs. J. W. Doane, died in January, 1890; and Henry is the subject of this sketch.

Henry Hitchcock, the subject proper of this memoir, was born in 1836, and was reared on his father's farm, his schooling being obtained in the primitive log cabin of the period, in Columbia Center. He has always followed farming, and has met with well-merited success, being now the owner of 108 acres of excellent land in one tract, and also a twenty-four-acre farm elsewhere, while Mrs. Hitchcock owns a good farm of thirty-two acres; he is also guardian for thirty-two acres. In 1867 our subject was united in marriage, in Columbia township, Lorain county, with Emeline Peachey, a native of that township, and daughter of Thomas and Philemela (Smith) Peachey, of Massachusetts birth, early settlers of Columbia township, Lorain county, where they died. To this union two children were born, viz.: Amanda, wife of William Martin, residing on the home farm; and Charley, living at home. In his political affiliations Mr. Hitchcock is a Republican; his wife is a member of the M. E. Church.

ROBERT N. GOODWIN, one of the best known and most popular citizens of Lorain county, is a native of Ohio, born in Granger, Medina county, May 13, 1828.

Nathaniel A. Goodwin, father of our subject, a native of Connecticut, whence he first moved to Genesee county, N. Y., and then to Ohio, was one of the earliest settlers of Granger township, Medina county, traveling the entire distance from Genesee county with an ox-sled, it being the winter season; at that time there was only one other family in the township, and his sister Deborah was the first white child born in Granger township. He married Miss Levinia H. Lowe, a native of the State of New York, who bore him ten children, of whom the following is a brief record: Charles A., who died at the age of seventy-four in Medina county, was for some time a resident of Michigan; Alvira, who married Earl Salsberre, died May 3, 1893, aged seventy-nine years; Mary L. is the widow of William Hopkins, of Sharon township, Medina county, and is now seventy-eight years old; Seth, who lived in Sharon township, Medina county, died of paralysis at the age of sixty-six years; Deborah died in 1871 at the age of fifty-three years; Levinia is the widow of Foster Young, of La Porte, Iowa, and is nearly seventy-one years old; Hiram, now sixty-seven years old, resides in Medina, Ohio, and is clerk of the court of common pleas; Robert N. is the subject of this sketch; William G., now sixty-three years old, is a farmer in Iowa, and resides near La Porte, that State; Marshall W., born in 1836, now a farmer, lives in Granger, Medina county, Ohio. The father died of cancer January 21, 1843, aged fifty-five years, the mother February 5, 1867, aged seventy-six years.

The subject under present consideration attended school in his boyhood winters, at the nearest log schoolhouse (in which the seats were made of slabs, with wooden pins for legs), which was a mile away from his home, his summers being passed in working on the farm. He also learned the trade of cooper, which he followed for some years both in his native town and five years in Lorain county, whither he came in 1861. He then clerked in a grocery store in the town of Wellington, at the same time attending to some insurance business, which was the nucleus to his present extensive connection in that line. Mr. Goodwin has served in various public capacities with characteristic ability and fidelity, and among the positions he has held may be mentioned: secretary of an agricultural society, twelve years; justice of the peace, two terms; city clerk (Wellington), fourteen years; township and corporation assessor, nineteen consecutive years (he is elected each year as assessor, and every two years as city clerk). Politi-

cally he is a straight Republican. During the war of the Rebellion five men were drafted on his street, he being one of them, and he reported himself at Elyria, but they were not ready to receive him, and he finally sent a substitute. He had made preparations, however, to fill a position as clerk in the commissary office, but was taken ill with fever, and reluctantly had to remain at home. He is a member of the Congregational Church. His grandfather, Seth Goodwin, served throughout the Revolutionary war and a portion of that of 1812, being a lieutenant at the time of the burning of Buffalo by the British. His father served throughout the war of 1812 as a lieutenant, and saw an Indian killed by an officer of the army, for touching a torch to a building, setting it on fire.

In 1850 Mr. Goodwin was united in marriage with Miss Louisa M. Harris, a native of New York State, born in Genesee county, June 2, 1830. No children have been born to them. He and his wife, Louisa M. Goodwin, have resided in Wellington, Ohio, since 1861, when there were only 245 buildings that were used in any part for dwellings; at this time (1894) there are many elegant dwelling houses, besides the many beautiful churches, schoolhouses, business buildings and as fine a town hall as is not often seen in cities. As he has fine property in Wellington, he expects to remain there during his natural life.

WILLARD HART, than whom there is no better or more favorably known resident of Penfield township, is a native of same, born October 12, 1840, son of Hawley Hart.

Hawley Hart was born February 10, 1807, in Litchfield county, Conn., son of Samuel, who was a farmer by occupation. The father of our subject received a common-school education, and during his early manhood was engaged in peddling clocks for Lewis Hart, throughout the Western Reserve, in 1834 coming through Penfield township, Lorain county. On January 12, 1840, he married Miss Lucy Hart, who was born September 17, 1821, in the town of Winchester, Litchfield Co., Conn., daughter of Lewis and Persus (Swift) Hart, who came to Lorain county, Ohio, settling, in June, 1838, in Penfield township, where the marriage took place, the ceremony being performed by Justice Samuel Knapp. After his marriage Mr. Hart always followed farming, and made his home in Penfield township; he first took up a farm in Lot No. 45, which contained but a few rude improvements, and resided for two years on that place, where two children were born to him, namely: Willard, our subject, and Chester, who died at the age of seventeen years. From this farm he removed to Lot 37, and there remained for eight years, when he took up his residence in Lot No. 47, living there for some time. Then, in later years, he moved to a place two miles south of the center of Penfield township, where he died August 5, 1881, of apoplexy, and was buried in Center cemetery. He was, in politics, a Jacksonian Democrat, and attended the elections regularly. He was a successful farmer. Since his decease his widow has made her home with her son Willard. She has been a member of the M. E. Church since 1869.

Willard Hart attended during his boyhood the common schools of the district, and received his first knowledge of agricultural work under the direction of his father. On January 15, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Ann E. Sooy, a native of Spencer, Medina Co., Ohio, and this union was blessed with one child, Carrie L., who is now the wife of W. B. Lindsley, a farmer of Penfield township, and has two children, Marion A. and Dot H. Our subject has always followed farming, and after his marriage took up his residence with his parents on the home

place, where he has ever since continuously made his home, and he now owns the excellent farm he resides on, besides two hundred acres which he rents. In addition to farming he has also conducted an extensive dairying business, an industry in which he has met with well-deserved success, and which has proved exceedingly profitable. He has constantly on his farm about thirty-five milch cows, and it is due chiefly to his efforts that Lorain is one of the principal dairy counties in the State. He was the first to introduce Holstein cattle into the county. Mr. Hart is a lifelong Democrat, takes an active interest in political affairs, has served as township trustee, and is now filling the office of township treasurer. He is a warm friend of the public-school system, and has served as director of his special school district, where he labored hard for the schools they now have, in the advancement of which he takes great interest. Both he and his wife are members of the M. E. Church, in which, since his union therewith in 1869, he has been a leading factor, holding numerous offices in the Church, and being also prominently identified with the Sunday-school. He is highly thought of in his community.

HENRY BRADFORD, one of the most prominent and affluent of the many prosperous agriculturists of Lorain county, and the owner of one of the finest and best-equipped farms in Rochester township, is a native of the county, born August 14, 1849, in Columbia township.

Hiram N. Bradford, his father, was born May 31, 1821, in Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, a son of Hosea and Hannah (Eastman) Bradford, natives of Vermont, who moved to Canada, and from there to Ohio. They were the parents of ten children, seven of whom—five sons and two daughters—grew to naturity, their names being Philo, Lester, Eastman, Hiram N., Myron, Cynthia and Laura.

Hiram N. Bradford received a common-school education, and being a natural mechanic, in early youth turned his attention in that direction, learning the trade of stonemason. His first work in this line was laying the walls for wells, which was considered ordinary labor; but his ability soon asserting itself, he was given more difficult work, such as laying cellar walls, in which in course of time he became very proficient, and he was widely known as a skilled mechanic. He made his home with his parents until his marriage (at which time he was a comparatively poor man), after which he and his young wife made their home in Columbia township, Lorain county, for a short time; then lived with his wife's parents, who were getting advanced in years, and here Mr. Bradford died March 20, 1856, his remains being interred in Columbia township. He was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and in politics was originally a Whig, at the time of his death a Republican, which party had just been organized.

On July 20, 1842, Hiram N. Bradford and Eunice Eddy were united in marriage. She first saw the light February 22, 1822, in Columbia township, Lorain Co., Ohio, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Sherdine) Eddy, born February 1, 1783, in New Jersey, and April 1, 1785, in Washington county, Penn., respectively. Mrs. Eddy's father was killed by the Indians. David Eddy came to Ohio before his marriage, and being in Cuyahoga county during the war of 1812, assisted in building blockhouses there. He died in Columbia township, Lorain county. At Hiram N. Bradford's death he left three children, viz.: Sylvia, now Mrs. Herbert Mills, of Cleveland, Ohio; Viola, who died at the age of fifteen, and Henry, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Bradford kept the children together on the farm left by her hus-

band, and February 1, 1860, married Samuel Hanley, a farmer of Lorain county. For a short time Mr. and Mrs. Hanley made their home in New London township, Huron county; then, April 15, 1860, removed to the farm in Rochester township her son Henry now owns and lives on. Mrs. Hanley is a member of the Freewill Baptist Church, and in her declining years is honored and respected by all.

Henry Bradford, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared on a farm, receiving his elementary education at the public schools of the neighborhood of his home, later attending select school. When a young man he made a trip to Michigan, and in the "pineries" there worked for some time; returning, he labored in the lime quarries of northwestern Ohio. On October 16, 1872, having once more come to his native county, Mr. Bradford married Miss Ella A. Storrow, born April 12, 1853, in Brighton township, same county, a daughter of Thomas and Sophia (Baird) Storrow, and the young couple then commenced housekeeping in Brighton township. From there at the end of a year they removed to Rochester township, where Mr. Bradford bought the homestead of his stepfather. The children born to our subject and wife are Alton L., Lansing A. and Carrie V.—all living.

Mr. Bradford enjoys the reputation of being a systematic and thoroughly practical farmer and stockman, as well as an extensive wool grower. In 1876 he became identified with the Poland-China Hog Breeding Association, from which time he has vastly improved his own stock, besides increasing its number; and he can boast of not only having some of the finest animals on his farm, but also of having been the means of improving the breed of swine all over northern Ohio. In 1889 he built at a cost of about three thousand dollars, one of the handsomest farm residences in Rochester township, furnished throughout in hardwood, and in elegance and comfort surpassing anything of the kind in his part of the county. In his political preferences Mr. Bradford is a stanch Republican, and is now serving his township as trustee.

C. F. HOPKINS, a worthy member of one of the early families of Brownhelm township, is a native of Oneida county, N. Y., born December 5, 1838, a son of Fred. M. and Phila M. (Barnes) Hopkins.

The family came west to Ohio in 1849, settling in the ridge in Brownhelm township, Lorain county, where the father had bought a partly-improved farm, clearing the remainder himself. He was a pronounced Abolitionist, and took part in the agitating movements of that period. He died in September, 1866, his wife in May, 1867. Two children were born to them: C. F., and George M., who is chief engineer on a lake steamer, having his home in Bay City, Michigan.

The subject of this memoir received his education in part in Oneida county, N. Y., and in part in Brownhelm township, Lorain Co., Ohio. In his youth he assisted in improving the home farm, and has followed fruit farming and gardening. In the spring of 1863 he bought his present property, then consisting of thirty-four acres, which he has since increased to eighty acres, and which he has planted with apples, cherries, peaches, all varieties of berries, etc. In 1863 he was united in marriage with Sophronia Vincent, a daughter of Levi and Polly (Austin) Vincent, natives of Canada, and early pioneers of Henrietta township, Lorain Co., Ohio. The father died in 1886 at the advanced age of eighty-five, the mother surviving him three years. To Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hopkins have been born children as follows: Edna C. (wife of Charles L. West,

of Oberlin), Frederick M., Thyrza H., Gertrude S., Eleanor V. (wife of E. S. Cook, of Bowling Green, Wood Co., Ohio), Marcia J. and Ada G., the latter of whom died at the age of two years. Mr. Hopkins is a Republican, and is a member of the F. & A. M., Stonington Lodge No. 503, North Amherst, also of Marshall Chapter No. 47, Elyria, Ohio.

BENJAMIN REDFERN, retired harness manufacturer and farmer, is one of the prominent citizens of South Amherst. He is a native of County Armagh, Ireland, born March 31, 1827, a son of Robert and Ellen (McClarnen) Redfern, both also natives of the Land of Erin.

The father, who was a weaver by trade, in 1830 emigrated with his family to Canada, locating near Toronto, Ontario, where they resided till 1852, and then removed to Olmsted Falls, Ohio, whence after about two years they came to Henrietta township, Lorain county, making their new home on a farm. In 1868 they moved to Amherst township, same county, where the mother died in 1883, the father in 1886. They had a family of eight children, of whom the following is a brief record: Benjamin is the subject of this sketch; Barbara R. is the widow of Alfred Chandler, and lives in Elyria; Margaret S. is the wife of David B. Wright, of Olmsted Falls, Ohio; Robert is married, and resides in Columbia township, Lorain Co., Ohio; James H. is married, and has his home in Elyria (he enlisted in Amherst township, Lorain county, in 1862, in Company F, One Hundred and Third O. V. I., for three years, and served to the close of the war); Mary was the wife of Jefferson Ormsby, who was killed by lightning in 1871 (she died in 1892); Elizabeth A. is the wife of Anson Cooper, of Strawberry Point, Iowa; Ellen died in Canada in 1851.

Benjamin Redfern, whose name opens this sketch, received a good practical education in the schools of Canada, learned the trade of harness maker, and worked at same there until 1849, when he came to Lorain county, Ohio, and, locating first in Elyria, remained in that town till 1852, in the spring of which year he moved to North Amherst, whence in 1856 he came to South Amherst. He worked at his trade in Lorain county till 1863, and then commenced agricultural pursuits, having purchased a farm. In 1865 he bought out the store of Henry Jackson, in South Amherst, and conducted a general mercantile and harness business till 1867, when he abandoned that line and resumed farming till 1887, retiring in that year. Mr. Redfern owns twenty-two and one-half acres of land in South Amherst, besides a good farm of ninety acres in that town, although he has sold several lots off this property.

On January 17, 1852, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Hyland, daughter of Thomas and Martha (West) Hyland, all natives of Sussex, England, who in 1841 immigrated to Canada, locating at Port Stanley, Ontario, whence in 1848 they came to Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, settling on a farm in Carlisle township. The father died in September, 1849; the mother is yet living in Carlisle township, now aged eighty years. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Ellen, wife of Benjamin Redfern; Henry, married in Lorain county, and moved to Ionia, Mich., where he died in February, 1893; Mary, wife of William Stall, of Carlisle township, Lorain county; D. W., who was married in Michigan, and now resides in Elyria, Lorain county (he enlisted, in 1862, in Company F, One Hundred and Third O. V. I., for three years, and served to close of the war); and Sarah A., wife of J. Jonas, of Carlisle township, Lorain county. To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Redfern have been born two children: Eva, wife of G. W. Hazel, of Fostoria, Ohio, and Ella May, wife of William E. Parsons, of Amherst township.

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Mr. Redfern in his political sympathies is a Republican, and has served his township as trustee four terms; socially he is a member of Plato Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F. He has been a Notary Public for some seven years. Although practically retired, he still carries on a snug business in general insurance, representing among other companies the "Phœnix" of Hartford, Conn. In Church connection he and his wife are Baptists. In their lifetime in Lorain they have been eyewitnesses to many nineteenth-century changes, some of them marvels of science, for at the time of their settlement here, less than half a century ago, there was no railroad west of Elyria. Mr. Redfern has always been active in public matters, and has taken a genuine interest in everything tending to the advancement and prosperity of his county.

MAURICE GOSS. Among the many progressive and skilled agriculturists of Brighton township, this gentleman holds a prominent place. He is of the seventh generation of a family who came to the United States in 1631, same time that Gov. Winthrop's party came from England.

Mr. Goss is a son of David, a son of Philip, who was born July 13, 1755, and married Esther Yale, who bore him nine children, of whom three sons—Clark, David and Philip—came to Ohio. Philip Goss, grandfather of subject, served in the Revolutionary war under Gen. Washington, and at White Plains was commissioned major; he died June 23, 1840. David, one of his three sons who came to Ohio, was educated at the subscription schools of the period in his native town (Boston, Mass.), where he afterward worked as a drayman. In 1832 he married Aurelia, daughter of Samuel Porter, of Dummerstown, Vt., soon after which event the young couple came to Ohio, locating in Cuyahoga county. He was then comparatively poor, for he had lost all his property by signing for others. In later years he moved to Brighton township, where he and his wife passed the rest of their pioneer days, dying August 6, 1871, and October 17, 1874, respectively; their remains were interred in Brighton cemetery. In Cuyahoga county were born to them children as follows: Maria, deceased at the age of thirty-four years; Maurice, subject of this memoir; Edmund G., deceased January 20, 1855; Otis F., a farmer of Brighton township; Julia S., Mrs. J. E. Field, of Carbondale, Ill.; Ellen A., Mrs. J. J. Lawrence, of St. Mary's, Ohio. Politically Mr. Goss was a Free-soiler and Republican, and he and his wife were members of the Congregational Church. His chief vocation was that of farming, and in connection therewith he also conducted a saw and grist mill in Brighton township. Though unfortunate in business in early life, yet he succeeded by incessant toil in accumulating a comfortable competence.

Maurice Goss, whose name opens this sketch, was born November 20, 1835, in Middleburgh township, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, at the common schools of which locality he received a meager education. He was early in life inducted into the mysteries of farm labor, and a considerable portion of his time was passed in his father's gristmill, the buhrstones for which were found along Charlemont creek in Wellington township. He remained under the parental roof until he was nineteen years old, when he commenced life for his own account. His first business transaction was the sale of a calfskin his father had given him, with the proceeds of which he bought two sheep, which increased in value, and gradually adding others he soon found himself the possessor of a fine flock. He then rented land, and before he was twenty-one years old he had bought fifty acres on credit, which, being industrious and indefatigable, he soon was

enabled to pay for. This tract of fifty acres he disposed of at a profit some time after his marriage, and he then bought seventy acres on which he built a house and barn, and where he remained until 1863, at which time he removed into Pittsfield township. In the spring of 1865 he returned to Brighton township, and from his uncle, Philip Goss, he purchased his present farm, which has been added to until it now contains 195 acres of excellent farming land, since much improved, new buildings having been erected, and the old ones enlarged and remodeled. Some years ago Mr. Goss erected a cheese factory on his farm, which he successfully operated for some years, when he disposed of it to Richmond & Tracy, who retained his services as superintendent for one year. After various changes this factory again fell into Mr. Goss' hands, and later was sold to Laundon, Windecker & Co., of Wellington, Ohio. In 1871 he erected a warehouse at Rochester, Ohio, a one-half interest in which he sold, and the style of the firm is now M. Goss & Co. In 1886 our subject moved to Rochester, where he made his home till 1893, in which year he returned to Brighton township, where he now resides, retaining his interests at Rochester.

On December 8, 1856, M. Goss and Josephine M. Judd were united in marriage. She was born in January, 1834, in Brighton, Ohio, daughter of Erasmus Judd, and children as follows were born to them: Nettie, who was married to F. Twining, and died in Henrietta township, leaving one child, Maud; Herbert S., a farmer of Spink county, S. D.; May, residing at home; and Lindsey E., who died young. The mother of these died November 5, 1883, and was buried in Brighton township. In 1885 Mr. Goss married Mrs. Ezilda Bridgman, a widow, sister of his first wife, and she died in 1891, her remains being taken to Atchison, Kans., where they were laid to rest. Mr. Goss in his early political preferences was a straight Republican, and as such served with credit as a justice of the peace; of late years he has been a zealous Prohibitionist. He is a member of the Congregational Church, in which he has served as deacon. A typical self-made man, he is a leader and adviser in the community, being possessed of good judgment and sound common sense.

ALBERT H. SMITH, manager and city editor of the Elyria *Republican*, was born in Chepstow (originally a Norman stronghold and fortification), Monmouthshire, England, June 11, 1848, a son of George Frederick and Elizabeth (Chidgey) Smith, the former of whom was descended from Norman-Welsh ancestry, the latter of Saxon or English stock. George F. Smith, who was a custom-house officer, died when the subject of these lines was a lad of some nine summers.

A. H. Smith after leaving school entered the office of the West Somerset *Free Press*, a well-known weekly paper published at Williton, Somersetshire, England, and here he learned the profession of printer and journalist, subsequently having charge of the paper. In June, 1870, he emigrated to America, and, locating in Corry, Erie Co., Penn., took charge of a daily paper there till the fall of 1872, when he moved to Oberlin, Ohio, and accepted the position of manager of the *Standard of the Cross*, the Episcopal organ for the diocese of Ohio. With this paper he was connected till 1875, a period of about three years, during which time it was removed to Cleveland. Mr. Smith then came to Elyria and bought a half interest in the *Republican*, which he, however, sold, remaining with the paper as city editor. Again becoming a stockholder, in September, 1891, a joint-stock

company was organized, and our subject has since continued in the dual capacity of general manager and city editor.

In 1871 Mr. Smith was married to Amanda H. Fuller. In church connection he is an Episcopalian, in politics a Republican, and he is a member of the F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F.

THOMAS LINE. Ranking among the prominent and influential citizens of Columbia township is this gentleman, who is an Englishman by birth, having been born, in 1823, in West Haddon, Northamptonshire.

He is a son of William and Elizabeth (Facer) Line, who in 1848 emigrated to the United States, sailing from Liverpool, and arriving at New York after a voyage of five weeks. From there they proceeded to Lorain county, Ohio, where the father cleared a farm out of the dense forests and became a prosperous agriculturist; he was a builder by trade, but in this country followed farming exclusively up to the time of his death, which occurred September 11, 1872, when he was eighty-two years old, his wife passing away February 27, 1887, at the age of eighty years. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Charles, who died in Ridgeville township in 1892; Thomas; John, a resident of Columbia township; and Sarah, wife of George Robinson, postmaster at North Ridgeville, Lorain county.

Our subject received his education at the schools of his native parish in England, and learned the trade of mason. He was married in that country February 8, 1848, to Miss Elizabeth Gare, and the same year they emigrated with the rest of his family to the United States. By this union there were four children, viz.: Sarah J., wife of John Cole, of Ridgeville township; Fred William, residing at Millbury, Wood Co., Ohio; John T., married, who is in the hardware business at Matta Bend, Mo.; and Lue, wife of Ernest Mitchell, of Ridgeville township. The mother of these died May 1, 1882, aged fifty-six years, four months, and September 1, 1884, Mr. Line married, in New York, Miss Martha Watts, also a native of England. Our subject worked at his trade in Lorain county, in the South, and in various other places, till settling down to farming pursuits. He now owns a well-cultivated place of eighty-one acres in Columbia township where he lives, and seventy-four in Eaton township. He has erected on his farm a good brick residence. Politically he is a Democrat, and was postmaster at North Eaton some years. He and his wife are members of the Church of England. The male members of the family have been masons for hundreds of years back.

FRANK D. JOHNSON, foremost in the ranks of the leading engineers in the employ of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Company, is a native of Huron county, Ohio, born March 30, 1852, a son of John H. and Elizabeth P. (Snyder) Johnson.

Our subject received a liberal education at the common schools of his native place, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, working on his father's farm until he was twenty years old. At that time, being dissatisfied with the life of a husbandman, he left the paternal roof, and proceeding to Cleveland entered the employ of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad Company, remaining ten years. At first he fired an engine, and then was promoted to engineer, in which capacity he has since served with characteristic carefulness and fidelity. Removing to Norwalk, Huron county, he at once commenced as engineer for the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Company, his present position.

On June 17, 1876, Mr. Johnson married Miss Sarah E. Miller, born September 20, 1852, in Chester county, Penn., and three children have come to brighten their home, as follows: Flora V., Oliver E. and Edessa M. Politically our subject is a Republican, a hearty worker in his party, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is a man of magnificent physique, standing six feet in his stockings, and weighing 220 pounds. He is one of the oldest and most trustworthy engineers on the road, none more popular, and his agreeable and jovial disposition makes him friends wherever he goes. Socially he is a member of Norwalk Lodge K. of P. His residence is No. 82 Prospect street, Norwalk, Ohio.

MRS. L. A. OSBORNE, a resident of North Amherst, was born in Orwel, Vt., daughter of Ira W. and Lucy Smith, also natives of Vermont, where they were married, and where ten children were born to them.

In the fall of 1832 Ira W. Smith came west to Lorain county, Ohio (the trip being made for the most part by water), and purchased a considerable amount of land about one mile from the present village of North Amherst. Later on the rest of the family joined him; but he was not fated to long enjoy his new home, for in the spring of the following year, just six weeks after the arrival of his wife and children, he was killed by a falling tree while out in the woods making a roadway through, on his land, which is now called the Middle Ridge. He was in his fifty-second year at the time, and his sudden taking off was a terrible blow to the family; his widow died about twenty years ago at the age of eighty-one years. They had a family of ten children, of whom the following is a brief record: (1) Lucy married Daniel Cuts, and settled in Windham, Portage Co., Ohio, where she died. (2) Ira W. was a landowner, farmer and stockman at Kankakee, Ill., and died there leaving a numerous family. (3) M. D. was a stockman and landowner at Wellington, Ohio, where he died leaving a large family. (4) Sarah Ann married a Mr. Streator in Vermont, and died in Licking county, Ohio. (5) Mariette is the wife of Orlum Winton, of North Amherst, Ohio. (6) Russell was a ranchman, and died at his residence in the city of Stockton, Cal. (7) John (deceased) was a farmer in Iowa. (8) Jane married Samuel Vining, and died in Illinois. (9) Charles died in Kansas. (10) L. A., the subject proper of this memoir, born in 1832, was married in 1850, at the age of seventeen, to William Walker, who was born in the State of New York and reared at North Amherst, Ohio. He died sixteen years after marriage, leaving three children, viz.: Zuleina L., wife of A. V. Kent, of Toledo, Ohio, by whom she has three children: Loula L., Grace E. and Amos Ross; Charles, a farmer on Middle Ridge, Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio (he has one child, Bertie); and William K., who died in October, 1892, aged thirty-two years.

Our subject was married, the second time, in 1868, to Henry A. Osborne, a native of Lorain county, born in Avon, but most of whose early life was passed in Pennsylvania. After marriage they made their home in Amherst township. He was a soldier during the war of the Rebellion, and in the service contracted consumption of which he died July 26, 1871. One child was born to this union: Maude E., now the wife of J. H. Wright, of Grindstone City, on Lake Huron. For the past sixteen years Mrs. Osborne has lived on Church street, North Amherst, and among her children. She is identified with the Congregational Church; her second husband was a member of the M. E. Church.

Mrs. L. A. Osborne's early education was limited to the common schools, but an

ambition to excel caused her to attain intelligence and culture rapidly, and this, coupled with a handsome appearance and genial disposition, made her an early favorite in society. Her first husband was an excellent business man, and the Walker family became known as one of the prosperous and leading families of Lorain county. Mrs. Osborne had grave responsibilities left upon her by her first husband's death; but she succeeded well. She is still young looking, and still among the social leaders of North Amherst. She is an active church worker, and one of the leaders of the Ladies' Relief Corps of North Amherst.

CHARLES BOWERS, well known and highly respected in Wellington and vicinity, where for several years he has industriously pursued his trade, that of carpenter, is a native of the town, born August 13, 1836, a son of Sylvester and Esther (Cheney) Bowers.

Sylvester Bowers, a native of Connecticut, born in 1805, came west to Ohio in 1834, settling on a farm in Wellington township, Lorain county, and here reared a hardy and intelligent family. Of late years he has lived a retired life in Wellington, on Tayler street. Politically he was originally a Whig, and since the organization of the party has been a Republican; in Church connection for some years he was a Baptist, but for a considerable time back has been a Congregationalist. His wife, a native of Massachusetts, born in 1804, died at the age of eighty-two years. Their children, four in number, were: John, who joined Company H, One Hundred and Third O. V. I., and was killed at the siege of Knoxville; Charles, our subject; Victoria, deceased wife of Oscar Herrick, county auditor, living in Elyria; and Harriet, residing with her father.

Charles Bowers, of whom this sketch more particularly relates, attended in his boyhood the district schools, and learned the trade of carpenter in his native town. In June, 1863, he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-sixth Regiment O. V. I., which was ordered to Cumberland Gap; he was discharged there at the expiration of his term of service, and returned home. The following season he served in the Government employ as carpenter in the vicinity of Nashville, Tenn., and after the war he worked six months longer for the Government, since when he has been a constant resident of Wellington, Lorain county. In 1870 Mr. Bowers married Miss Emma J. Webster, who was born in Wellington, Ohio, October 13, 1838, and they have two children: Ida, married to David Gammell, of Akron, Ohio, and Clayton. Mrs. Bowers is a daughter of Oliver and Melissa (Babcock) Webster, New England people, the latter of whom was eighty-five years of age in November, 1893. The father, who passed away in 1870 at the age of sixty-two years, was a Whig and Republican, and a member of the Congregational Church. Their children were: Emerson, in Denver, Colo.; Henry, in Wellington, Lorain county; Alonzo, Amelia, Philena (deceased) and Emma. Mrs. Bowers' paternal grandfather, David Webster, came to Lorain county in a very early day, and died at an advanced age. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and a member of the G. A. R. Post; in Church connection he and his wife are Congregationalists.

GJ. COLE, the genial and popular clerk of Columbia township, was born on his present farm August 19, 1860, a son of John and Sarah (Bancroft) Cole, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively.

John Cole came to Columbia township when a boy of nine years, along with seven

other members of the family, and was here married to Miss Sarah Bancroft, who had migrated hither in her girlhood, settling in Ridgeville township. They are yet living, the parents of four children, namely: Elizabeth A., wife of A. H. Perry, of Columbia township; Harriet A., wife of F. J. Hinman, of Cleveland; Fred E. (married), died in Kansas in 1884; and C. J., our subject. The father was a farmer by occupation, a Prohibitionist-Democrat in politics, and filled various township offices, including those of clerk and trustee.

C. J. Cole, the subject of this sketch, received his elementary education at the common schools of his native township, and afterward attended Oberlin College six years, graduating with the class of 1886. On account of failure in health he returned to his father's farm immediately after graduating, where he has since remained. His chief occupation has been farming and school teaching, which latter he followed some five years in Olmsted and Columbia townships, and he is the owner of sixty-five acres of prime land, all in a good state of cultivation. Politically he is a stanch Republican; has served as justice of the peace some years, and as township clerk six years, with ability and fidelity, having been elected to the office in 1887. Mr. Cole is justly recognized as a useful member of society, and one of the most prosperous citizens of his township. He is deeply interested in educational matters, and an avowed advocate of free schools and free speech.

URIEL M. BEMIS, a well-known respected citizen of Lorain, was born in 1829 in Massachusetts. His parents, Charles H. and Azubah (Perry) Bemis, were also natives of Massachusetts, and in 1850 moved westward, locating in Lorain county, Ohio. They had children as follows: Uriel M., our subject; Francis, of Amherst, Lorain county, who enlisted in 1863 in an Ohio Regiment, and served through the remainder of the war; Marcus, now living in Iowa county, Mich.; Henry, deceased; Charles and Luther, who both died in the army. The father of this family died in Tennessee in 1857; the mother died in 1881, in Lorain county.

Uriel M. Bemis was reared and educated in his native State, and when twenty-one years of age came to Lorain county, Ohio, locating in Black River township, where he was engaged in farming and also operated a sawmill. In 1865 he removed to Sheffield township, where he was engaged in farming and milling, and in 1886 came to Lorain, where he has since been employed as engineer in the car shops. In 1853 he was united in marriage, in Sheffield township, with Miss Mary Standen, a native of England, daughter of James and Julia (Upton) Standen, also natives of England, and who came to Sheffield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, in an early day. To Mr. and Mrs. Bemis have been born the following named children: Eva M., wife of Thomas C. Burlingame; Ella, widow of Edwin Abels; Celia, married to James White; Hattie, married to Daniel Dodge, of Dayton, Ohio; Nettie, wife of Fred Olkey, of Lorain; and Harry L. In politics Mr. Bemis is a Republican, and he takes an interest in everything tending to improve and advance the community in which he resides.

THOMAS C. BURLINGAME, foreman of the Car Shops at Lorain, is the oldest employe in same, having worked there the past twenty years.

His father, William Burlingame, was born in Massachusetts, and in about 1836 came to Lorain county, Ohio, where he followed farming, also conducting a sawmill for a few years. He was united in marriage, in Sheffield township, Lorain county, with Melissa Baker, a native of Pennsylvania, and they reared eight chil-

dren, as follows: Sarah, married to William Smith, of Lorain; Henry, who resides in Wisconsin; Thomas Corwin; Eunice, wife of Daniel Ball, Cleveland; Maria, wife of Harry Packham, of Chicago; Lucy, wife of B. Shaw, of Geneva, Ohio; William, Jr., of Geneva; and Martha, Mrs. Brainard, of Geneva. They have a half-sister named Mina. The mother of this family died in Sheffield township in 1865, and in 1872 the father moved to Ashtabula county, Ohio, where he died in 1892. Politically he was first a Whig, and afterward, on the formation of the party, a Republican, being an ardent supporter of the principles of his party; he took an active part in the early history of the county.

Thomas Corwin Burlingame was born December 22, 1846, in Sheffield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he was reared and educated. He followed milling in the township in an early day, and in 1873 moved into Lorain, here entering the employ of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroad Company. On November 28, 1871, he was married, in Sheffield township, to Miss Eva M. Bemis, a native of Lorain, and they have had one child, Gertie. In politics our subject is a Republican. Socially he is a member of Tent No. 1, K. O. T. M., of the Royal Arcanum, and of the Order of Tonti, of which he is treasurer. In religion Mr. and Mrs. Burlingame are members of the Disciple Church.

E. G. SPRAGUE, a well-to-do farmer citizen of LaGrange township, is a native of Livingston county, N. Y., born August 2, 1841, in the town of York.

His father, William G. Sprague, son of William, was born February 23, 1812, in Covington, N. Y., and on November 17, 1836, married Miss Pamelia Root, who was born January 1, 1819, in Pittsfield, Mass., whence her parents, Chester and Clarissa Root, moved to New York, where she met and married Mr. Sprague. The latter learned the trade of miller, and followed it in New York State, where three children were born to him, viz.: Chester, born February 15, 1838, who died February 8, 1840; William Chester, born January 30, 1840, who was killed by a horse March 1, 1891; and Edward G., subject proper of this sketch. In the spring of 1842 the family came to Ohio, whither the father had preceded them a few months, spending the winter near Columbus, Ohio, where he had better health. When the family joined him in the spring, he purchased land in Copley, Summit Co., Ohio, residing thereon for ten years, and then removing to Lorain county, where he invested in 135 acres of land. Here he passed the remainder of his life, except one year, when he bought and conducted a gristmill at La Porte. He died on his farm February 3, 1893, preceded by his wife June 23, 1883, and they now lie buried in East cemetery, LaGrange township. The children born to them after coming to Ohio were Oliver R., born March 14, 1846, in Copley, who died May 28, 1864; and Charley, born December 6, 1848, in Copley, who died October 12, 1879. Mr. Sprague was an active man, and traveled considerably, visiting the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876; he owned some property in Michigan, which he also visited frequently. He was well informed on various questions, and though he had but limited educational advantages in his youth he acquired much practical learning by reading, travel and observation. He conducted systematically anything which he undertook, and was much respected in his community. In politics he was a Republican, and held the office of township trustee.

E. G. Sprague received a common-school education, and during his boyhood and youth was inducted into the mysteries of farm life. Upon reaching his majority he left home and went to Michigan, where he

worked in the pineries, but being dissatisfied returned. On March 14, 1867, he was united in marriage with Miss Malissa Dale, who was born November 16, 1846, in LaGrange township, daughter of Orrie and Charille (Clark) Dale, and for one year thereafter they lived on land in Grafton township, which he rented from his father-in-law. They then moved into LaGrange township, where, with the exception of a year and a half they lived in LaPorte, they have ever since had their residence, on April 7, 1892, coming to the home farm, where they now are. He is administrator of his father's estate, and controls over three hundred acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sprague have children as follows: Linnie, born March 5, 1872; George E., born July 1, 1877; and Ora M., born February 26, 1883. In politics our subject is a Republican, but is not active in party affairs. He has been a lifelong agriculturist, and besides general farming is extensively engaged in raising horses and sheep, a large number of which he usually has on hand.

F. E. GRIFFIN, a thoroughly representative self-made man, and a prosperous agriculturist of Amherst township, is a native of same, born October 15, 1847, a son of Frederick A. and Bethia L. (Jenne) Griffin.

Frederick A. Griffin, father of our subject, stands prominent among the practically self-made agriculturists of Lorain county. He was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., March 5, 1824, a son of Morris and Maria (Brownell) Griffin, natives of the same place. The father was a farmer, and died in New York about the year 1827; the widowed mother then married Paul Nichols, and they lived in Cayuga county till 1875, when they came to Lorain county and made their home with Frederick A. The mother died in Michigan in 1890. Grandfather Samuel Brownell was a native of New York, and followed droving between that city and the West; he died in Wyoming county, N. Y., at the age of ninety years. On the maternal side of the house the family are of Holland extraction, and on the paternal side they are of Scotch. Three Griffin brothers came from Scotland in Colonial days, and settled in New York.

Frederick A. Griffin was reared in part in Cayuga and in part in Dutchess county, N. Y., at the schools of which place he received a liberal education. In 1844 he came to Lorain county, Ohio, locating on rented land in Amherst township. In 1847 he moved into Erie county, thence in 1852 to Russia township, where he cleared a farm of 160 acres of wild land. Here he lived until 1878, when he came to Elyria township, and settled on his present farm. On September 4, 1846, Mr. Griffin was married in Ridgeville, Lorain Co., Ohio, to Miss Bethia L. Jenne, a native of Cuyahoga county, Ohio, a daughter of Ansel and Elizabeth (Brown) Jenne, of whom mention is made elsewhere. Two sons have been born to this union, viz.: Frederick E., whose name opens this sketch, and Charles B., married to Mary Gawn, and residing in Amherst township (they have four children, viz.: Charles, Frederick A., Gertrude and Eugene). In politics Mr. Griffin is a Prohibitionist, and he is a strong advocate of temperance principles. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church at Elyria. Mr. Griffin at one time owned good farms in Russia and Amherst townships, aggregating 200 acres, which he sold prior to coming to Elyria township.

Frederick E. Griffin attended in his boyhood and early youth the public schools of his township, and was reared to farming, which has been his life-work. In December, 1868, he was united in marriage with Emma Bassett, who was born April 26, 1847, in Russia, Lorain Co., Ohio, daughter of Charles and Emma (Parsons) Bassett,

F. E. Griffin.

the former of whom was born in the town of Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y., March 10, 1820, the latter in Wiltshire, England, July 28, 1819. To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Griffin has been born one child, Allen E. Mr. Griffin has always taken an active interest in politics, and is an ardent Republican; recently he was nominated for the County Republican Committee. At the last election he was nominated and elected county commissioner of Lorain county, and took office January 1, 1894. In matters of religion he was a member of the Congregational Church. He is the owner of a productive farm of ninety acres, all well improved, whereon, in addition to cereals, etc., he raises sheep and fine-bred horses.

S W. KELNER, leading capitalist, and one of the most prosperous business men in LaGrange township, is a native of same, born June 20, 1850.

Peter Kelner, great-grandfather of our subject, came to this country from Germany in about 1787, and first made a temporary location in the State of New Jersey. In 1788 he brought his family to Jefferson county, N. Y., and took up his residence near the town of Champion, where he and his wife passed the remainder of their days. Of their children four sons and one daughter grew to maturity, among whom was one named William, the grandfather of our subject.

William Kelner was born September 1, 1787, in New Jersey, and was reared to the multitudinous duties of farm life in Jefferson county, N. Y. He had but limited educational opportunities, and learned to read after his marriage, having attended school in his youth but six weeks. In 1818 he was married in Jefferson county, N. Y., to Miss Cynthia Phelps, a native of that county, born November 13, 1792, and they became the parents of two children, namely: Elmira, born June 20, 1819, who was married in Lorain county, Ohio, to Sandrus Rockwood, and after his decease to James Waite (she died in LaGrange December 24, 1848); and Charles, born January 3, 1823. Mr. Kelner was a well-to-do farmer, and owned a good place in Jefferson county. In the spring of 1835 he set out for Ohio, with a view of locating, walking the entire distance, and after looking over the land and making a selection returned to New York, where he sold his farm and farming utensils. Mrs. Kelner died June 2, 1835, and in the fall of the same year he started for Ohio with his two motherless children, making the trip in a covered wagon drawn by two horses. After a wearisome journey they arrived in LaGrange township, Lorain county, where for a short time they were guests of Nathan Clark, LaGrange township's first permanent settler, later making their home with one Joseph Phelps, a brother-in-law. Mr. Kelner purchased one hundred acres in Lot 19, N. W. Section of LaGrange township, for which tract he paid one thousand dollars in cash, and which land he cleared and improved, also adding to it as circumstances permitted. He was twice married after coming to Lorain county: first to Miss Mary Chase, who was born November 26, 1783, and died November 23, 1842, but had no children by either union. He passed from earth March 28, 1878, at the patriarchal age of ninety years, dying in LaGrange township, where he was buried. He was a successful farmer, and accumulated a very comfortable competence, being a most active man even in his old age, never content unless occupied with labor of some kind. He was constantly reading and studying the Scriptures, and in religious connection was a member of the M. E. Church, which he joined in his later years.

Charles Kelner, father of our subject, was about twelve years old when he came

with his father to Ohio, and drove the horses during most of the journey. He was reared to farm life, received an education in the common schools, and then worked on the home place until his marriage. On October 19, 1840, he wedded Miss Martha A. Clark, who was born May 13, 1820, in Jefferson county, N. Y., third daughter and fifth child of Nathan and Anna (Loomis) Clark, who came to LaGrange township in 1825, and, as previously stated, were the first permanent settlers there. To the union of Charles and Martha A. Kelner came children as follows: George H., born June 6, 1842, a cheese maker and farmer of LaGrange township; Cynthia M., born October 7, 1844, now Mrs. Richard Rounds, of Barry county, Mich.; Emma M., born November 3, 1846, now Mrs. Nelson Wilson, of Penfield, Ohio; Stowell W., the subject of this sketch; Frank, born July 29, 1855, a farmer of LaGrange township; and Charlie, born August 13, 1860, a resident of LaGrange township. The family resided on the homestead many years, making their home there until 1875, when he built in LaGrange village the finest residence in the township, and there passed the remainder of his days, dying August 14, 1880. He was buried in a cemetery near the home farm in LaGrange township. In his political affiliations he was a stanch member of the Democratic party, and held the office of township trustee when the town hall was built. He was very successful in his agricultural affairs, and accumulated a very comfortable competence, leaving to his widow an elegant home, which she now shares with our subject.

Stowell W. Kelner received his education in the common schools of his native place, his first teacher being William A. Braman. He was reared to farming pursuits, and remained at home with his parents until December 17, 1872, when he was united in marriage with Miss Hannah E. Nichols, who was born December 3, 1853, in LaGrange, daughter of Cyrus and Henrietta (Pierce) Nichols, who came from Watertown, N. Y., to LaGrange township in an early day. Children as follows have blessed the union of Stowell W. and Hannah E. Kelner: Two sons that died in infancy; Cassie M., born October 30, 1881; Mattie M. H., born August 1, 1885; Earl W., born June 14, 1889; and Rowan B., born January 26, 1891. After marriage Mr. Kelner settled on the home place, which had been divided between two sons, and for five years conducted the stone quarry which had been discovered on the farm. But in 1884 a switch from the Lake Shore Railroad was built from Oberlin, Ohio, and the stone business (a very profitable one) and the farm of 140 acres were sold to the Cleveland Stone Co. at a handsome figure. Mr. Kelner had also erected buildings, and carried on a general store, which were disposed of at the same time. He still owns fifty acres of valuable stone land. In the fall of 1883 he took up his residence in the village of LaGrange, and here he has since resided in the beautiful and luxuriously furnished home erected by his father. He buys and sells wool, and also deals in various kinds of stock, being a shrewd, well-known business man, popular in the commercial circles of Lorain county. He is a member of the Democratic party, but takes no particular interest in political affairs. Mrs. Kelner is a member of the M. E. Church.

JOSEPH TURLEY, retired merchant, and a representative self-made man, having his residence in Wellington, is a native of Manchester, England, born in 1814.

He is a son of Francis and Alice (Eckelsley) Turley, of Irish and English birth, respectively, the former of whom went to England when a young man, and there married. He was a weaver, a trade he followed in England till his death, which occurred when he was seventy years of age;

his wife also died in the mother country, aged about sixty-five. Of their children the following is a brief record: James Lionel is a weaver in Manchester, England; John was also a weaver in Manchester, where he died; Joseph is the subject of this sketch; Frank resided in Manchester; Isabel O. died in England; and one died young.

Joseph Turley received his education at the schools of his native city, and worked in a large cotton-factory there. At the age of thirty-five years he immigrated to the United States, landing at Boston, Mass., and worked in the East some two years before coming West, part of the time as a mechanic at Springfield, Mass. While so employed he received a hurt in an accident, and it was then that he turned his attention, through a friend, to Wellington, Lorain Co., Ohio. This was in 1850, almost half a century ago, when the bear, the panther, the wolf and many other wild animals still roamed the imperial forest. Here Mr. Turley resolved to go into the grocery business, and after securing a suitable building found he had only twelve dollars left wherewith to buy goods; from which small beginnings, by close application to business, shrewdness and economy, he made in the course of a few years a comfortable competence. His first week's receipts amounted to between twenty and thirty dollars, and the last bill he paid, for sugar and molasses alone, amounted to two thousand dollars. In 1860 he visited England, being about fifty weeks there, and after his return located in Cleveland, Ohio, where for two years he operated a grain and produce business. At the end of that time he opened a coöperative store in Wellington, and one in Oberlin, but in about a year and a quarter he retired from business. In March, 1893, he again visited England, but returned in the following June, having been taken sick there. On both his trips he happened to be the oldest passenger on board the vessel, although he was one of about twelve hundred souls.

Mr. Turley was married, on May 18, 1840, to Miss Anna Smith, who died in 1851, and in 1852 he wedded, for his second wife, Miss Anna Vincent, who died November 15, 1892. In politics our subject is strictly independent; in church matters he is a Congregationalist. He has been liberal in his contributions to various charitable institutions. Aside from a temporary affliction, he is remarkable for mental and physical vigor.

THOMAS COX, for nearly half a century a resident of Elyria township, where he has been a prosperous farmer, is a native of England, born in Northamptonshire, in November, 1816, in the village of Naseby, near where was fought, in June, 1645, the memorable battle between Cromwell and the Royalists, in which the latter were defeated with the loss of five thousand men.

Thomas Cox, father of our subject, a native of the same place, and by occupation a laborer and farmer, sailed in 1833 for the United States with his family, landing in Philadelphia July 8, of that year, and first locating in Allegheny county, Penn. From there he proceeded to Lorain county, Ohio, where he made a settlement in Elyria township, east of the river. In England he had married Miss Catherine Luck, of the same county, and they had five children, viz.: William, who died at the age of eighty-five in Allegheny county, Penn.; Robert, who resided in Allegheny county, Penn., and died at about the age of seventy-two; Joseph, living in Allegheny county, Penn.; John, in Elyria township, and Thomas, our subject. The mother died in England before the family came to this country; the father died in August, 1851, at the age of seventy-six years.

The subject proper of these lines received his education in Pennsylvania, and

has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He now owns one hundred acres of land in a high state of cultivation, and has prospered well. In 1840 he married Miss Isabella Aldridge, who was born in England in March, 1820, a daughter of John and Mary (Crisp) Aldridge, natives of Warwickshire, and who came to this country in 1831, landing in Baltimore, Md., thence proceeding to Pittsburgh, Penn., where they both died in 1854, of cholera. They had two sons: Thomas, living in Steubenville, Ohio, and John, who died in Newport, Ky. To Mr. and Mrs. Cox have been born two children, namely: Samuel, who is married and has two children, Burton and Howard; and Mary A., wife of Richard Henson, also has two children, Thomas H. and Alfred C. In politics our subject is a straight Republican, and cast his first vote for W. H. Harrison. [Since the above was written we have been informed of the death from La Grippe of Thomas Cox, the subject of the sketch, the sad event taking place December 20, 1893.

A. J. RICHMOND, one of the thorough-going representative farmers of Amherst township, is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, born in Black River township, April 15, 1831. He is a son of Freeman and Eunice Richmond, the former of whom was born in Providence, R. I., August 29, 1791, the latter in New York.

The father was twice married, the first time to a Miss Nancy Arnold, of Chautauqua county, N. Y. Soon after marriage they moved to Sheffield, Lorain Co., Ohio, arriving there December 1, 1815. One child, Philinda, was born September 14, 1817, being the first white child born in Sheffield. Mrs. Nancy Richmond died August 12, 1819. The daughter, Philinda, married Schuyler Strong, and died November 4, 1844. In the course of time Mr. Richmond was married to Mrs. Eunice Fox, a widow with four children—Gilbert, Orpha, Hannah and Nancy. The children of the second marriage are six in number, viz.: Sylva, born July 15, 1824, and married to Albert Arnold; Minerva, wife of Isaac Shupe, born July 21, 1826; Jane, born February 19, 1829; Albert, born April 15, 1831; Milo, born January 2, 1837; Elmeda, wife of James Rankin, born July 24, 1839. Freeman Richmond moved from Sheffield to Black River township February 15, 1825, and afterward removed to Amherst. He lived to the age of ninety-one, his wife surviving him two years.

A. J. Richmond, the subject proper of this sketch, received his education at the public schools of Amherst township, where he was reared to farming, which has always been his occupation, excepting in his younger days, when he worked for a time at vessel calking at Lorain, Milan and Huron.

On October 9, 1852, he was married to Mary L. Gilmore, daughter of Aretus and Orra Gilmore, early pioneers of Black River township, Lorain county, and to this union one son, Bird, was born.

Bird Richmond was born October 16, 1853, and was married, October 16, 1877, to Sarah E. Jenne, daughter of Ansel and Phebe Jenne, by which union one son, Frank, was born July 16, 1880.

A. J. Richmond's wife died October 11, 1886, and in 1888 Mr. Richmond was married to Mrs. Emaretta Tenery, of Clyde, Ohio. In politics our subject is a Republican, and he has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the county, of which he is a useful and loyal citizen.

J. A. MEREDITH is a son of William Meredith, who was born August 8, 1813, in Herefordshire, England, eldest child of James Meredith, who was a farmer.

William Meredith was reared to the duties of agricultural life, and received but a common-school education, his opportunities in that direction being limited, as his parents were poor. For a time he found employment working in noblemen's gardens, etc., but in 1848 left England, sailing from Liverpool in the vessel "Calagrimcha," which was some time afterward burned at sea. Along with William came a friend, Thomas Jones, who had been here before, and after landing at New York they proceeded to Pittsfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where Mr. Meredith invested in forty-seven acres of land at nine dollars per acre, for which he was obliged to go into debt. On April 23, 1849, he married Esther Gurney, who was born February 8, 1816, in Worcestershire, England, and passed the earlier part of her life in Herefordshire, same country. She was a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Wheeler) Gurney, who were poor people, and Esther was early in life obliged to work for a living, being thus deprived of even the smallest opportunity to obtain an education. She had met Mr. Meredith in England, where they were engaged, and he started for the United States to seek a home, concluding, if satisfactory arrangements could not be made here, to return to England. But in about a year he had made a home, and sent for Miss Gurney, who sailed from Liverpool on a vessel of the "Black Star Line," landing in New York after a voyage of thirty-three days. She immediately proceeded to Pittsfield township, where she was joined by Mr. Meredith, and here immediately after marriage they began life in a rude frame house, where they resided seven years, after which they moved to the farm. To their union were born children as follows: Mary Ann, deceased in infancy; James A., subject of this sketch; Alice, Mrs. John White, of Wellington, Ohio; and Reuben and Arthur, both farmers of Pittsfield township. He was a strong Republican, and took great interest in political issues, reading considerably and keeping himself well posted. At the time of his death, which occurred July 3, 1885, he owned 280 acres of land, all of which he had acquired by patient, honest toil, working part of the time as a farm hand. He and his wife were members of the Episcopal Church in England. Mr. Meredith was buried in the South cemetery at Wellington. Since his death the widow has resided on the home farm, and is a highly respected lady in her community.

J. A. Meredith was born July 29, 1854, in Pittsfield township, and received his literary training in the common schools. He was reared to the arduous duties of agricultural life, and remained on the home farm until his marriage, working out in the summer seasons. On December 25, 1876, he wedded Miss Alice Parsons, a daughter of Ebenezer and Armitta (Corkins) Parsons, and immediately thereafter settled on his present farm, where he has since resided, carrying on a general farming and dairying business. He is one of the most enterprising and progressive young farmers in his section, and is a well-known member of the locality. Politically he is a Republican, and has held various township offices, refusing others. Socially he is a member of Lorain Lodge, No. 281, I. O. O. F., and Camp No. 247. To Mr. and Mrs. Meredith have come children as follows: Clara E., Frank A., Charles (deceased), Mabel A., Lena A., Bessie, Belle R. and Howard Edmund.

W A. WIRE, late superintendent of the C. L. & W. R. R. docks, Lorain, deservedly one of the most popular of men, is a native of the State of New York, born April 17, 1831.

He is a son of Samuel and Abigail (Sherman) Wire, the former of whom was for some time a contractor on the New York Central Railroad. He was also a preacher

in the Freewill Baptist Church, having commenced exhorting at the age of thirty-one. When our subject was three years old the family moved to Ashtabula county, Ohio, locating on a farm for a time, after which they again returned to New York State, and for six years made their home in the town of Canandaigua. The mother, who was of Scotch lineage, died in Potter, Yates Co., N. Y., and the father then resided for a short time in Wayne county. He lived to be eighty-one years old, and a short time before his death was cradling grain, something not to be so much marveled at when it is remembered that he came from a long-lived hardy Scotch-Irish race. His grandfather was one of Washington's body guard during the Revolutionary war.

W. A. Wire, the subject of this sketch, in his boyhood attended school in New York State, and at the age of twenty-one commenced railroading, first as a fireman for a locomotive on the Cleveland & Columbus Railroad; at the end of a year he was appointed brakeman on the Cleveland & Erie Railroad, which position he filled also one year. For the following eighteen years he was conductor on the Cleveland & Erie road, after which for three years he ran the yard at nights in Cleveland for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. His next experience was in the Pennsylvania oil fields, two years speculating in oil. From there he came to Lorain, having received the appointment of yard-master for the Cleveland, Tuscarawas Valley & Wheeling (now the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling) Railroad. On his retirement from this incumbency in the spring of 1884, to go to Cleveland, Mr. Wire was presented by the city and railroad employes with a handsome gold watch as an expression of esteem. His call to Cleveland at that time was to accept the position of dockmaster on the "Big Four," remaining thereon for seven and a half years, at the end of which time, November 1, 1888, he returned to Lorain to fill the then vacant position of assistant superintendent for the C. L. & W. road, in which capacity he remained one year, and was then given charge of the docks as superintendent. In April, 1893, he left the railroad business, and moved to Glenville, Ohio.

In 1853 Mr. Wire was married in Lake county, Ohio, to Miss Caroline Rosette Powers, of Perry, Lake Co., Ohio, a lady of French origin, and two children have been born to them: Samuel, a machinist in the employ of the C. L. & W. Railroad Company (he is married to a daughter of Capt. Coney, of Lorain), and Laura, who is a singing Evangelist, traveling throughout the country. Mr. Wire is a member of the F. & A. M., K. of H. and R. A., and of the Disciple Church. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

NICHOLAS GRABENSTETTER, a well-known farmer citizen of Grafton township, was born June 29, 1820, in Baden, Germany, son of Paul and Rosa (Gross) Grabenstetter, farming people of that place.

In June, 1833, the family, which then consisted of the parents and three children —Nicholas, Sophia and Alice—left their native country, the father having saved enough from his earnings to bring them to the United States. They embarked at Havre, France, in a full-rigged sailing vessel, and after a voyage of thirty-five days landed in New York, where they remained one week, strangers in a strange land. They then took a steamboat to Albany, thence to Rochester, N. Y., where they remained over winter, the father doing any honest labor he could there find, but as times were hard Nicholas could find nothing to do. In May, 1834, they left Rochester, traveling by canal to Buffalo, N. Y., thence by steamboat to Cleveland,

Ohio, where they remained two weeks, searching for land. As his capital was small, Mr. Grabenstetter concluded to go to Stark county, and traveling by canal to Bethlehem (near Massillon), that county, remained three weeks, but finding himself unable to purchase land there, returned to Cleveland, taking the same route. He then went to Liverpool township, Medina county, where he purchased forty-seven acres at four dollars per acre, which land was entirely in the woods, not a tree having been cut, or a single improvement made thereon. A rude house, constructed of rough boards and a couple of forked stocks, was put up, which, though wet and uncomfortable, served as a shelter all summer. Setting to work they began to clear the land, though during the first year they could raise nothing but garden stuff, and a log house was built, which was later supplanted by one of hewn logs. Although wild game was plentiful, the forest teeming with deer, turkeys, etc., they could not take advantage of the abundance, as they could not afford firearms, and thus they were obliged to struggle on till crops grew better. Mr. and Mrs. Grabenstetter resided on this farm the remainder of their lives, dying at the ages of eighty-five and eighty-three years, respectively, and were buried in the Catholic cemetery in Liverpool township. They were members of the Catholic Church. In Rochester, N. Y., the family was increased by one child, Frank; who is now a farmer in Litchfield, Medina county.

Nicholas Grabenstetter was reared to farm life, and attended school in his native country until thirteen years of age, when he came with his parents to the United States. He grew to manhood in the woods of Liverpool township, Medina Co., Ohio, where he became inured to hard work, and he resided with his parents until his marriage. Our subject was not only employed at farm labor, but also worked on the canal then in course of construction at Milan, Ohio, before he was sixteen years of age. He was afterward employed on various other canals, the Tuscarawas Canal, the Erie Canal, the Maumee Canal, etc., toiling from sunrise to sunset for fifty cents a day, and all his earnings went to assist his father.

In 1841 he was wedded to Mary Yeager, a native of Baden, Germany, daughter of Lawrence Yeager, who came to the United States, locating in Liverpool township, Medina county, in pioneer times. After marriage Mr. Grabenstetter located on the farm of his mother-in-law, remaining there for eight years, when he purchased a tract of forty-five acres in Grafton township, Lorain county; this land cost five hundred dollars, and he was obliged to go four hundred dollars into debt for same, but by hard work the loan was soon paid off. He resided thereon until 1863, when he purchased his present place, then comprising ninety-eight acres, where he has since resided, following agricultural pursuits. To our subject and wife were born eleven children, six of whom are yet living, namely: Odelia, Sophia, Alouys, Andrew, Rosa and John. The mother of these children died May 6, 1870, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery; she was a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Grabenstetter has been a hard-working man, and by his industry has accumulated a comfortable property. He is an excellent farmer, and an honest, upright business man, highly respected and esteemed. He is a lifelong member of the Democratic party, but does not mix in politics; he is a member of the Catholic Church.

J. M. SEELYE, a well-to-do farmer of Ridgeville township, where he owns forty-four acres all in a good state of cultivation, is a native of Lorain county, born in Avon township, July 26, 1836.

He is the son of Cornelius and Rachel (Smith) Seelye, who were natives of New York State, where they were married, and whence in an early day they came to Ohio, locating in the woods of Avon township, Lorain county, near French creek, where Mrs. Seelye died in 1843. They remained here till 1847, and then moved to Crawford county, Wis., where the father continued to live until 1854, in which year he returned to Lorain county, taking up his home in La Porte. He died in Avon township in 1866. For his second wife Mr. Seelye married, in Avon township, Mary Cadwell, who died in Elyria in 1888. By his first marriage he had fourteen children —seven sons and seven daughters—as follows: Humphrey, married, residing in Wellington; Esther, who married John Cockrell, and died in Wayne county, Ohio; Joseph, deceased in Iowa; Thomas, who resides in Michigan; Phebe, deceased wife of Hart Smith, of New York; Elmira, who was the wife of William Hubbard, died at French Creek; Daniel, married, residing in Crawford county, Wis.; Phineas, also residing in Crawford county, Wis.; J. M., subject of this sketch; Florentine, who married Asa Frary, and died in Wayne county, Ohio; Ursula, wife of William Vandeveer, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; McKindre, who enlisted in the Civil war in Avon township, and died from the effects of disease contracted in the service; and two others whose names have not been given. By his second marriage there were no children. Politically Mr. Seelye was first a Whig, later a Republican.

J. M. Seelye, the subject proper of this sketch, received his education in part at the schools of Avon township, Lorain county, and in part at those of Wayne county, Ohio, whither he had removed at the age of twelve years. After a four years' residence there he returned to Lorain county, and in Ridgeville township worked by the month for Randall Stetson for about eight years, at the end of which time he moved to Crawford county, Wis., sojourning there one winter, and then coming back to his old home in Ridgeville township. Again he worked for Mr. Stetson, getting out lumber, until May, 1860, when he went to California, and was there engaged in the dairy business till 1864, in which year he once more found himself in Ridgeville township. In 1866 he made a trip to Michigan, where in Van Buren county he bought 120 acres of land, and farmed three years; then in the city of Lawrence, same county, he conducted a butchering business eight years. Next we find our Protean friend in the lumber business, buying and selling until 1889, when he once more came to Ridgeville township to finally remain.

In 1866 J. M. Seelye was united in marriage with Miss Jane M. Stetson, born in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, a daughter of Randall and Adeline Stetson, and by this union there was one son, Randall, who died in Michigan at the age of six years. In politics our subject is a straight Democrat, and is a member of the school board.

HENRY A. BARNES. One of the leading farmers of Rochester township, and one of her best known and most honored citizens, the subject of this sketch enjoys the distinction of being second to none in these respects.

Mr. Barnes is a native of Massachusetts, born in Worcester county April 23, 1827, a son of Moses Barnes, whose nativity was Becket, Berkshire Co., Mass. When the latter was nine or ten years old his father died, leaving ten children, some of whom were bound out as apprentices, while Moses and others of the younger members of the family were kept at home. In his boyhood he suffered from a severe attack of fever, which resulted in his being left a cripple for life. When a young man,

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after leaving school, he learned the trade of cloth dresser. In 1833 Moses, with his wife and children, set out for Lorain county, Ohio, making direct for Rochester township, he and his brother Sumner having traded land in Massachusetts for 200 acres in that township, receiving also two hundred dollars as "boot money." The journey was made via canal and lake, and they landed at the mouth of the Black river in Lorain county, where they hired an ox-team to convey them to Huntington township, and here the party remained at the home of Jesse Johnson, an acquaintance, during the illness and death of Silas, a son of Moses Barnes (Silas was the first to be buried in Huntington cemetery). They then settled on their own property in Rochester township, where they had hastily built a log cabin, which at first had neither door nor chimney, but was soon afterward much improved, both in appearance and comfort. The land was all covered with timber, chiefly beech and maple, and wild animals were numerous. For their milling they had to go to Hayesville, Ashland county, the trip occupying two days.

When a young man Moses Barnes had married, in Worcester, Mass., Miss Eliza Stone, a native of the same county, and who worked in a cotton factory, and in that State were born to them children as follows: Henry A. (subject of sketch), Milo, Silas (already referred to), and Orin, who died in Toledo, Ohio. Milo had rather an adventurous life. At the time of the breaking out of the Civil war he was living in Arkansas, where he was arrested by the Confederates as a spy, and was confined to prison three months and five days, at the end of which time he was released on condition of his enlisting in the Southern army, which he did, serving one year as a teamster. But securing a pass one day, he escaped to Fort Scott, Kans., where he found the Third Wisconsin Cavalry, for whom he acted as guide, but was shot at by some Confederates and wounded; after convalescence he enlisted in the Twelfth O. V. I. His regiment was sent to Johnson's Island at the time of the "Canada scare," and he was on duty eight hours that cold New Year's night of 1863, which brought on a violent cold that settled on his lungs, causing his death, which occurred on the Island.

In Rochester township there were born seven children to Moses Barnes, namely: Rachel, who married Charles Day, and died in New London, Ohio; William, deceased at the age of twenty-one years; Alvira, deceased when young; John, who died during the Civil war at Nashville, Tenn., of smallpox, while a member of the Third Ohio Cavalry; Johan, deceased when five years old; Lecta, deceased in infancy, and Lewis, now living on the old homestead, Rochester Station, Lorain county. The father died in September, 1888, in his eighty-seventh year, the mother in March, same year, at the age of seventy-eight years, and they are buried in Rochester cemetery. They were exemplary members of the M. E. Church, and of the first class formed in Rochester; politically Mr. Barnes was originally a Whig, afterward a Republican.

Henry A. Barnes, the subject proper of these lines, was six years old when the family came from Massachusetts to Lorain county, consequently his education was limited. He attended the first school taught in Rochester township by Martha Fay, she receiving one dollar a week, and boarding from house to house; the funds were raised by subscription. Her walk to the schoolhouse, never less than two miles, was through the woods, the direction being found by marked trees. The old school-building was made of logs about sixteen feet square. Mr. Barnes' schooling consisted of about three months a year until he was eighteen. At the age of sixteen he began working away from the paternal roof, first on the farm of Dr. Seager, of Clarksfield township, Huron county, later for Benjamin Perkins, of Rochester,

Ohio, four years, and then working nearly a year at the building of the Cleveland & Columbus Railroad. After his marriage he settled on seventy acres of dense timber-covered land in Rochester township, for which he paid seven dollars per acre, and here he built a rude log cabin, 12x16 feet inside. This was the happiest era of his life, and from time to time he added to this purchase till he now owns 180 acres of as rich farm land as can be found in this vicinity; for a part of this he paid fifty dollars per acre, and had placed on it all of the modern improvements.

On January 23, 1848, Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Polly Day, who was born in New London township, Huron Co., Ohio, June 20, 1832, and died May 31, 1892, in her sixtieth year. She was the youngest child of Dr. Samuel Day, who was one of the earliest pioneers of New London township. She was left an orphan at the age of eleven years, after which she took care of herself, making her home mostly with her half-sister, Mrs. Hendrix, until she was married and settled on the farm in Rochester township, Lorain county. Here by their united efforts they built up the beautiful home and surroundings, and here she was residing at the time of her death. She was the mother of eight children, viz.: Samuel M., who is now a farmer in Michigan; Eliza (now Mrs. A. G. Fisher), Rosina (Mrs. John Dagnan), and Matilda (Mrs. Nelson Robinson), all living in Wellington, Lorain county, Ohio; Henry W., a farmer on the homestead; Clarence, who died at the age of six years, and two deceased in infancy. Five of these yet remain to comfort their father.

Mrs. Barnes experienced religion thirty-seven years ago, and united with her husband in the M. E. Church at Rochester, Lorain Co., Ohio. Although in poor health, and being prevented the greater part of the time from attending public worship, she ever lived a faithful and consistent Christian life. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother. Realizing that her end was near, she made needful preparations for her funeral, which was held at her late home June 2, 1892, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends, after which she was interred in the cemetery at Rochester.

In his political associations our subject is a Republican, and he served his township as trustee four years. He is a member of and steward in the M. E. Church, of the Sabbath-school of which he was superintendent some five years. On September 10, 1893, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage to Miss Lina Braman (the daughter of Samuel and Belinda Braman), a resident of Rochester and a member of the M. E. Church.

TASSO DELOS PHELON, a resident of Huntington township, is a native of same, born August 31, 1843, a son of Delos and Louisa M. (Perkins) Phelon.

The father of our subject was born in 1812, in Hartford county, Conn., whence in 1833 he came to Ohio, and built the first warehouse at the mouth of Black river, where is now the thriving town of Lorain (he had previously visited Cleveland with the intention of remaining, but returned to Connecticut). At this place he carried on a forwarding and commission business from 1833 to 1837, after which he had his residence for a time in Sheffield township, Lorain county, and then moved to Huntington township, where he kept a general merchandise store, and also farmed, dying October 4, 1888; his wife had passed away June 19, same year, at the age of seventy-four years, seven months, ten days; she was born in Becket, Berkshire Co., Mass. Mr. Phelon in his political associations was originally an Old-line Whig, but in later years changed to a Democrat.

They were the parents of children as follows: Daniel W., who resides in Kansas; Joseph V., in Huntington; Deette, wife of L. Chapman, of Rochester; Mary, wife of G. W. Wilbur, of Hartland, Huron county, had one child, George J., who died when about twelve years old; and T. D. Grandfather Phelon was born in Suffield, Conn., and died in Lorain county, Ohio.

T. D. Phelon, whose name opens this sketch, was educated at the common schools of Huntington, his summer months being occupied in learning the practical lessons of farm life. In December, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth O. V. I., for three years or during the war, and served until the close of the conflict, when he was mustered out by order of the War Department, July 13, 1865. On his return home after the war he took up agricultural pursuits, and has since successfully continued in same. In 1869 he married Miss Adelaide Noony, born in Huntington township, Lorain county, August 12, 1846, and one child, Flora N., still under the parental roof, was born to them. Mr. Phelon is a Republican, and served his township as trustee two or three terms; he is in his tenth year as justice of the peace, and was school director some fifteen years. In 1888 he was elected county commissioner, an incumbency he is yet filling with ability and fidelity. Mr. Phelon owns a large tract of land, on which part of the village of Huntington now stands. He is regarded as one of Lorain county's strongest and most popular citizens, and is a prosperous representative agriculturist.

ORRIN T. BAKER, retired agriculturist, and a leading prominent citizen of Lorain county, is a native of the State of New York, born in 1818.

His father, Elisha Baker, was born in Vermont July 25, 1782, and died in New York State when his son Orrin T. was a child. He married Miss Ruth Davids, who was born November 11, 1787, and died at the age of eighty years. They were the parents of children as follows: Mary, born December 23, 1812, who was married to Lucas Adams, and resided in Michigan, where she died January 11, 1891; David, born January 10, 1814, who died in Illinois; Elisha, born September 18, 1815, who was a soldier in the Civil war, and died shortly afterward, in Illinois, from the effects of exposure; Hiram, born October 16, 1816, who lives in Chittenden county, Vt.; Orrin T. (the subject of this sketch) and Alvin (twins), born in 1818; and George, born February 6, 1819, who lives in Michigan.

The subject of this sketch was educated at the public schools of the locality of his place of birth, and at the age of fourteen was bound out to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner with A. L. Cook, serving a seven years' apprenticeship in Huntington township, Chittenden Co., Vt., whither he had removed, his residence being in an adjoining township. In 1835 he came to Ohio with Mr. Cook, and located in Fitchville, Huron county, for two years, after which he returned to Huntington and resumed work with his former employer. In course of time he formed a partnership with Mr. Cook, and at the end of a year commenced journeyman work for himself. On October 11, 1844, he married Miss Lydia O. Perkins, a native of Becket, Berkshire Co., Mass., born in 1824, a daughter of Col. Darius and Polly (Dewey) Perkins, the former of whom was born in Connecticut. He was a carpenter and joiner, and in 1833 came to Ohio, making a settlement in Huntington Center, Lorain county, where he cleared a farm out of the wild woods, game at that time being plentiful and wild animals numerous. Here Mr. Perkins died at the age of eighty-one years, his wife when seventy-two years old; they were members of the Congregational Church, and in politics Mr. Perkins was a Whig. They were the parents of

seven children, to wit: Milton D., who married, and died in 1873, leaving a family; Mary L., who married Delos Phelon, both now deceased; Orrin M., who died young; Lydia O. and Abel Dewey (twins), of whom Abel died in 1892; Samuel John, who died in 1879; and Sarah J., wife of W. W. Wells.

After marriage our subject and wife remained in Huntington township, Lorain county, till 1868, when they came to the town of Wellington, same county, and have lived in their present home twenty-two years. During his entire life Mr. Baker has followed his trade of carpenter and joiner, and made sash, doors and blinds in the winter season, also contracting for the building of houses, etc. When he first commenced business in Huntington township, there were some fifteen carpenters, but they all left, leaving him in undisputed possession of the field, and as a result he put up more buildings in Huntington than any other man. In that township he owns 115 acres of land, besides the five acres on which his home stands in Wellington. Politically Mr. Baker is a Republican, his first Presidential vote being cast for William Henry Harrison, while in principle he has always been anti-slavery and a Prohibitionist. In matters of religion he is a member of the M. E. Church, his wife of the Congregational Church. She is a charter member of the Daughters of Rebekah, and was first noble grand of Lilywood Lodge, of Wellington. Socially Mr. Baker is a member of Lorain Lodge No. 281, I. O. O. F., and has passed all the Chairs of the Subordinate Lodge. Two children have been born to this honored couple, namely: Edgar D., a sketch of whom follows, and Rosa Ophelia, born in April, 1852, and married to M. N. Hill, of Kipton, Ohio (they have two children: Leo N. and Ora).

Edgar D. Baker was born in Huntington township, Lorain county, September 6, 1845, and in his boyhood winters attended the common schools of the neighborhood. On December 10, 1863, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth O. V. I., and during the greater part of his term of service did duty on Johnson's Island as a private orderly; he was discharged in July, 1865, and returned home. In 1867 he married Miss Ella Moore, a native of Massachusetts, and three children have been born to them, viz.: Maude (born August 31, 1870, married to Arthur D. Eglin, of Wellington, Ohio), Lelia Belle and Ray O. Mr. E. D. Baker is now farming on the homestead in Huntington township. He is a straight Republican, and a member of the G. A. R., in which he has filled various offices. He is agent for the P. A. W. Railroad, and postmaster at Baker's Crossing.

JAMES WYATT, who for a quarter of a century has been one of the successful farmers of Amherst township, is an Englishman by birth, born in Devonshire in 1825, a son of James and Hannah (Rich) Wyatt, also of Devonshire, where they were married, and where the latter died in 1854.

In 1854, after the death of his wife, the bereaved father came to the United States with his children, making a settlement in Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he died the same year. He was the father of children as follows: Francis, married, and living in Minnesota; James, subject of sketch; John, married, a resident and pioneer of Dodge county, Minn.; Mary, wife of Samuel Kingston, living in Decatur county, Iowa; Harriet, wife of Edward Dow, of Corry, Penn.; Nancy, widow of Charles Hines, of Evansville, Wis.; Anna, married and living in Dodge county, Minn.; and Samuel S., married, and a resident of Clay county, Iowa.

James Wyatt, whose name opens this sketch, was educated in the schools of his

native county in England, and in 1854 came with his father to America, and to Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he engaged in farming till 1867; he then came westward to Huron county, Ohio, whence in 1869 he moved to Lorain county, where he has since followed agricultural pursuits.

In 1855 our subject was married in Chautauqua county, N. Y., to Mrs. Phinna N. (Culver) Arnold, widow of Chauncey Arnold, and a native of New York. Two sons were born to this union, viz.: George C., married, and residing in Butler county, Iowa (he has three children), and Frank D., married, and living on a farm. The mother of these passed away July 9, 1892, and on November 6, 1893, Mr. Wyatt married Mrs. Ann E. Wilber. Mr. Wyatt in National elections votes the Republican ticket. He is a member of the M. E. Church.

ROYAL HARRIS, a prosperous and substantial agriculturist of Brownhelm township, is a native of same, born on his present farm, April 4, 1849.

Thomas Harris, father of our subject, was born in 1797 in Vermont, whence when eighteen years old he came to Erie county (then a part of Huron county), Ohio, with his parents. His father, Nathan Harris, after a residence of some years in Ohio, removed to Indiana, where he died. Thomas Harris came to Lorain county in 1847, making a settlement in the woods, where he cleared a farm. He was married to Sarah Call, a native of Essex county, N. Y., and they had a family of thirteen children, of whom the following is a brief record: Betsy married Ambrose Willard, and died in Kansas in 1890; Harriet married Henry Barber, of Marshall county, Iowa; Sarah was the wife of Richard Dimmick, and died in March, 1883; Susan married Obed Noble, of Clay county, Kans.; Clara is the wife of L. Brown, of Brownhelm township, Lorain county; Alma is the wife of Daniel Hunicker, of California; Adelaide is married to David Neal, of Dallas county, Iowa; Angeline is the wife of James Bacon, of Marshall county, Iowa; Fannie died at the age of three years; Cyrus died when one year old; Essex resides in Brownhelm township, Lorain county; Charles died when aged thirteen years; Royal is the subject proper of this memoir.

Royal Harris received his education in the public schools of his native township, and was reared to farming, which has been his life vocation. In 1877 he was married to Ella Tappenden, a native of the State of New York, daughter of Stephen and Eliza (Moody) Tappenden, the former of whom was born in the eastern part of Kent, England, the latter in Montgomery county, N. Y. The father, who was a cabinet maker by trade, at the age of fourteen years immigrated to New York, whence in 1872 he removed to Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1873 to Brownhelm township, Lorain county, where he died in 1892 at the age of seventy-seven years; his wife had preceded him to the grave in 1889. Mrs. Royal Harris was their third child. To our subject and wife was born one child, Jessie. Mrs. Ella Harris died in 1878, and in 1882 Mr. Harris married Alice Tappenden, sister to his first wife, and second child of her parents. By this union there are two children—Earl and Nellie. In politics our subject is a Democrat, and he is a member of Ely Lodge, No. 424, F. & A. M.

NL. COTTON, widely known as a prosperous fruit grower and gardener, having his residence in North Amherst, was born in Sheffield township, Lorain county, in 1829, a son of George Washington and Rachel (Smith) Cotton.

The father of our subject was born in Warren, New Hampshire, in 1798. At the age of sixteen he started from his native place on foot for Truxton, N. Y., whence he paid his way to Ohio by driving and caring for cattle. After his arrival he did farm labor for Jabez L. Burrell. In Sheffield township he married Rachel Smith, who was born in Berkshire county, Mass., and in 1832 they moved to Elyria township, same county, and opened up a fine farm. He died there in 1865; his wife was called from earth in September, 1850; in politics he was a strong Whig. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Jerome G., born in Sheffield township, Lorain county; died in Elyria township, in 1852, was one of the first shorthand reporters, and at one time owned the paper in Elyria, now edited by William A. Braman (he was employed as a reporter in Washington, D. C., about three years, for the New York *Tribune* and Cleveland *Herald*); Charles W., also born in Sheffield township (he enlisted in the Civil war, in Company E, First Ohio Battery, three years' service); Martha R. (widow of Francis A. Younglove), residing in Virginia; N. L., subject of sketch; and George J., born in Elyria township, enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Third O. V. I., now residing in Lansing, Mich.

Grandfather Benjamin Noys Cotton, a native of New Hampshire, was a Revolutionary soldier, serving eight years; was with Gen. Warren at the battle of Bunker Hill, and was present through the winter at Valley Forge; served to the close of the war, and was present at Washington's farewell address. He represented his District in the New Hampshire Legislature four times, and was known as "old '76." He came to Lorain county in 1836, making his home in Elyria township, and both he and his wife died in Wayne county, Ohio, at the age of eighty-nine years.

N. L. Cotton was educated at the public schools of Elyria township, Lorain county, and at the academy in the town of Elyria, after which he taught school for a time in Avon township, same county. Moving to Kendall county, Ill., he was there engaged in farming about two years. On August 6, 1862, Mr. Cotton enlisted in Sheffield township, Lorain county, in Company F, One Hundred and Third O. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was mustered into the service at Camp Mitchell, Ky., September 7, 1862. He participated in the battles of Blue Springs (Tenn.), Armstrong Hill, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, Norse Creek, Atlanta, right of Atlanta, and Spring Hill. After the Atlanta campaign his regiment was made head-quarters guard for the Twenty-third Corps, their colonel being provost-marshal general of the Department under General Scofield, whose corps moved from Florence, Tenn., to Cincinnati; thence to Washington, D. C.; thence by steamer to Fort Fisher; thence through Wilmington and Goldsboro to Raleigh, N. C., where it was mustered out. Our subject was discharged June 23, 1865, at Cleveland, Ohio, and returned home to Lorain county, and to the pursuits of peace. For some years he farmed in Sheffield township, and in March, 1882, he moved to Amherst, where he embarked in his present business.

On November 27, 1851, Mr. Cotton was united in marriage, in Sheffield township, Lorain county, with Miss Caroline M. Hecock, a native of Herkimer county, N.Y., and daughter of George W. and Sarah (Davis) Hecock, of New York State, who settled in Sheffield township in 1834. The father served in the war of 1812 as a drummer boy; he died in 1876, his wife in 1875. Grandfather Silas Hecock, a native of Connecticut, and a soldier in the Revolutionary war, died in New York; Grandfather Davis also served in that struggle. To Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Cotton were born children as follows: Clara M., wife of Thomas C. Foote, of Amherst township, Lorain county; Elmer F., married and living in Sheffield township; Cora B., wife of William E. Hart, of Lincoln,

Neb.; Nellie B. and Lillie D. (twins), the former of whom is the wife of Stillman Cotton, and resides in Cleveland, Ohio (Lillie D. died at the age of nineteen years); Martha R., married to Charles Straw, of Elyria, Ohio; Ina S., a teacher, and Minnie, attending school at Granville, Ohio (she had been teaching for a time in Lorain county). In his political sympathies Mr. Cotton is a Republican; for ten years he served as trustee of Sheffield township, and for several years as justice of the peace. He is a member of Rice Post No. 148, G.A.R., of which he has been commander and chaplain. In church relationship he and his wife are Baptists.

Joshua Smith, maternal grandfather of Mr. Cotton, came to Lorain county in 1812, and was the first white man to die in Sheffield township, the year of his death being 1813. His daughter, the mother of Mr. Cotton, was the first white woman to come into the township of Sheffield.

H E. PARKER, M. D., the pioneer of the medical profession at Lorain, since it became a town of any prominence, was born November 20, 1851, at Berea, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, son of Dr. Henry and Elizabeth (Sherwood) Parker.

The father was born in Brunswick, Ohio, where he was reared, and received his medical education at a college in Cincinnati, where he graduated. He at once settled in Berea, Ohio, and there commenced the practice of his profession, in which to some extent he still continues. Politically he is a Republican, and was a member of the convention which nominated John C. Fremont for President. Grandfather Parker, who was an early pioneer of Cuyahoga county, was descended from emigrants of the same name who came from England during the seventeenth century, settling in Massachusetts.

Dr. H. E. Parker was reared in Berea, Ohio, at the public schools of which place, and at Baldwin University, he received his early education. He attended his first course of lectures in 1876, in the Medical Department of Hudson School, Cleveland, and then, in 1877, began a course at the Bennett Medical College, Chicago, whence he graduated with the class of 1878. He commenced practice at Berea, in partnership with his father, and continued in same for three years, or until June 7, 1881, when he located in Lorain, South End, where he has since resided. The Doctor is practically the pioneer of the South End, having erected the first house in that section, before the streets were even opened, and all the improvements have been made since his settlement. On March 5, 1878, he was married, in Medina county, to Miss Cora I. McConnell, a native of that county, where her parents (both of whom are now deceased) were early settlers. To this union has been born one child, Lulu V. Socially our subject is a member of Woodland Lodge No. 226 K. of P., in which he is past chancellor. In his political predilections he is a Republican, and has served as a member of the school board.

H W. SEMPLE, proprietor of fashionable tonsorial parlors in the town of Wellington, is a native Virginian, born in Fredericksburg, May 10, 1857, a son of James and Rosa (Atkins) Semple. His father, by profession a French *chef de cuisine*, is yet living; his mother died at the age of forty-six years. They were the parents of seven children, named respectively: John, Delila, Daniel, Maria, James, H. W. and Lucinda.

In 1858, while yet an infant, our subject was taken to Washington, D. C., and here he was reared and educated, graduating in 1877; he also learned and worked

at his trade in that city. In 1879 he entered the U. S. Coast Survey, and his first experience in that branch of the public service was in New York with Prof. Agassiz, of the Zoological Comparative Museum, at Cambridge, N. Y. He then went to South America, Hayti, Jamaica, and other West India islands, also New Orleans and many other seaports and watering places, serving over two years, at the end of which time he was offered a position in the State Department in Washington, but arrived there a day too late, whereby he not only did not get the new position but lost the old one. In consequence of this he returned home, coming by way of Detroit, where he had relatives, and on his arrival in Wellington he resumed his trade, working for eight years for one man, after which, August 26, 1889, he opened out his present place of business, and has met with unprecedented success, having already four chairs in his establishment. While a resident of Washington he shaved many prominent men. In 1884 Mr. Semple married Miss Laura A. Shepherd. A Republican in politics, he takes an active interest in the workings of his party; in matters of religion he and his wife are Baptists.

E. H. HASTINGS, who is one of the most successful native-born agriculturists of LaGrange township, was born June 20, 1827, son of Curtis H. Hastings.

The father was born December 1, 1796, in Jefferson county, N. Y., eldest of ten children born to Thomas Hastings, who first saw the light April 3, 1776. Curtis H. Hastings learned the carpenter's trade, and was married in his native county to Miss Pattie Graves, who was born October 23, 1800. While residents of New York State they had children as follows: Ashley, who died when eighteen or nineteen years old; Wesley, of Penfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and Diana S., now Mrs. Lyman C. Crane, of Chatham, Ohio. In June, 1826, he came to LaGrange township, Lorain Co., Ohio., into which he drove the first horse-team. He had visited Lorain county before settling, walking the entire distance from New York, and later traded fifty acres of land in that State for a farm in LaGrange township, whereon he located. But little of this land had been cleared, and his cabin was the third in the township, but on this farm he passed the remainder of his life, dying at the age of eighty-two years. After coming to Ohio Mr. and Mrs. Hastings had children as follows: E. G. and E. H. (twins), who were the first white male children born in LaGrange township; a daughter that died in infancy unnamed; Samuel, a farmer of LaGrange; another daughter that died in infancy unnamed; and J. Edson, a farmer of LaGrange. The mother of these died at the age of forty years, and Mr. Hastings then married Miss Asenath Amy, by whom he had one son, Frank, who married and died leaving four children.

E. H. Hastings was born one-fourth of a mile from his present farm, and during his youth attended the common schools of the vicinity a few weeks each year. He was reared to agricultural life on the home farm, and when eighteen years old, being of a roving disposition, he left home and hired out at ten dollars a month to Johnston Rawson, by whom he was employed for five seasons. Then, being anxious to return to school, he went home, but after attending for only a few days found he had not time, as he was busy threshing; thus he continued to work, and, saving his money, was able by hard work to pay for some land. Having caught the "gold fever," he started, on December 29, 1851, for California, going from LaGrange, Ohio, by rail to New York, where he took passage on a boat going around Cape Horn, with two companions, William Rockwood and L. L. West, who went as far as Rio de

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Janeiro, Brazil, where they took passage on another vessel, while the "Racehound" lay in that port twelve days for repairs. After a voyage of six months and three days our subject landed at San Francisco, where he was taken sick, and found himself, after paying a week's board in advance, nearly out of funds. He entered the State Marine Hospital until he recovered, and, while in California, he had some rather hard experiences, being without money among strangers. Later, through the efforts of a farmer, he secured work as an overseer, and remained away from home five years, also working in the lumber business (on Government land), in which he made money. On the way home he crossed the Isthmus of Panama at Aspinwall, and after remaining in his native place for two weeks he returned west in company with three others, going to Missouri. Here they purchased five thousand head of sheep, which were driven across the plains to California, and during the trip they occupied fifteen days in crossing one river, the South Platte. The entire journey, which took six months, was very satisfactory, being comparatively free from loss, and after reaching their destination Mr. Hastings kept the sheep one year. Returning to Lorain county, Ohio, he passed the winter in Penfield township, where he had fifty acres of land.

There he was married, September 15, 1859, to Rosanna Dalton, who was born in New York, daughter of Benjamin Dalton, and the young couple began married life in a log house, on a farm in Penfield township. In the spring of 1860 they located in LaGrange township, since which time he has been engaged in farming and stock raising. He now owns 226 acres of land in LaGrange township, a house and three lots in Wellington township, and one and three-fourths acres in the corporation of Wellington. Mr. Hastings is a successful business man and shrewd financier. He voted for Abraham Lincoln, but otherwise he is always a Democrat in National affairs. On April 12, 1891, Mrs. Hastings passed from earth, and was buried in the East cemetery in LaGrange township; she was a member of the M. E. Church.

GEORGE W. NOBLE, a resident of Elyria, was born August 10, 1821, in the town of Warren, Herkimer Co., N. Y., a son of Hervey and Phœbe (Wilkinson) Noble. He is descended from one of three brothers who in a very early day came from England to the New World, settling in Massachusetts.

Hervey Noble, also a native of Herkimer county, N. Y., born April 1, 1795, moved from there in 1819 to Wilna, Jefferson Co., same State, and there resided till June, 1827, when he came to Ohio, settling about one and one-half miles north of LaGrange, in LaGrange township, and there followed farming. He died June 16, 1871. On December 15, 1815, he married Miss Phœbe Wilkinson, who died in LaGrange, Lorain county, April 23, 1870. They had a family of eight children, our subject being second.

George W. Noble received a limited education at the district schools of LaGrange township, and remained on the home farm till he was twenty-one years of age, at which time he commenced house building, and many other kinds of mechanical work; for eight years he was engaged in a carriage works in LaGrange; then, for five years, was in a store. After that he bought a foundry and machine shop at Liverpool, Ohio, conducting same nineteen years, doing all kinds of foundry work, including the complete making of engines. He has made carriages, wagons, plows, and wood-sawing machines, with great success, a large number of them being sold. In this he continued until December 6, 1881, when he had to abandon work on account of his failing eyesight, and con-

sequently sold out. He then moved to Berea, Ohio, where he resided eight years, thence proceeding to Cleveland and there remaining till October, 1891, when he came to Elyria, Lorain county.

In 1845 Mr. Noble married Miss Jane E. Garritt, who was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., January 15, 1829, and three daughters were born to them, as follows: Amanda Helen, now the widow of Erotus M. Dixon, has her residence at 130 Herald St., Cleveland, Ohio (she has no children); Melissa Ellen, the wife of William Edgar Parmelee, of Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, has two daughters and one son; Charlotte Phœbe, now the wife of Dr. Rufus V. Gamble, of New London, Ohio, has one daughter, Grace. Politically our subject has always been a Republican, but says that he "is now utterly disgusted with all parties." He believes in "equal rights of man and woman"; *Liberty for all.* He belongs to no Church, Creed, or Lodge, "*To do good*" being his only religion: Hoping, doubting, and trying to investigate the great mysteries of this and a future existence.

EDWIN HALL, a well-known and widely-respected retired citizen of Elyria, now in his seventy-ninth year, was born in the old town of Meriden, Conn., in April, 1815, and when seven years old was brought by his father to Ohio.

Avery and Lucy (Bacon) Hall, parents of Edwin Hall, were of New England descent, and the more remote ancestors of the father came from England, while those of the mother (who was from Connecticut), claimed the land of Scott and Burns as the place of their nativity. Avery Hall was born in Meriden, Conn., in 1776, whence he removed with his wife (whom he had married in Meriden) to Berkshire Hills, Mass., and from there to New Connecticut, "Western Reserve" (now Ohio), where he died at the age of eighty-five years. He had been an industrious and well-to-do farmer all his life. He was a member of and for a long time chorister in the Congregational Church, of which denomination at Meriden his great-grandfather had been a preacher. Politically he was an Old-school Democrat, and his first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson. At the time of the burning of New London, Conn., by the British during the war of 1812, he was living at Meriden, and with others went to see the conflagration.

The subject proper of this sketch received his education at the primitive schools of Lorain county, whither, as already related, he had come when a lad. The country was wild and uncleared of the timber and underbrush, and Mr. Hall remembers of having been chased by wolves on two different occasions, but he came to learn the habits of these animals and so knew how to elude them. He remained a few years on the farm with his father in what is now the southern extremity of Lorain county, and then, having a desire to revisit the scenes of his early boyhood, returned to Connecticut; but his health failing after a short time, by the advice of his physician he set out on a sea voyage on a merchantman, for China. This trip lasted one and one-half years, and in 1837 he returned to Lorain county, again, however, after a short sojourn, to pay a visit to his native place in Connecticut. In 1838 he once more returned to Lorain county, where he has since made his home. In 1840 he entered mercantile business, in which he remained a number of years.

In 1840 Mr. Hall was married to Miss Mary Beebe, daughter of A. Beebe, who was one of the original settlers of Elyria, who built the "Beebe House," which had a good reputation among the traveling men. Mr. Hall was the successful proprietor of this house for more than twelve years, and was known as a temperance man in principle and practice, never using or selling liquor himself, or renting any of

his buildings for the sale of it. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hall, viz.: Mary Beebe, who died at the age of twenty-five years; and Helen F., who married Rush R. Sloane, and has two children, Helen and Mary. Politically Mr. Hall is a stanch Republican. He and his wife live on the spot in which they began life together in 1840, enjoying life amid the scenes of early days.

JAMES S. BALDWIN, one of the leading farmers of Pittsfield township, was born August 5, 1839, in Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Conn. He is the fifth son and seventh child in a family of nine children born to William and Julia (Trafford) Baldwin, as follows: William H., a lumber dealer of Lee, Mass.; Mary E., deceased at the age of twenty; Noah, died in infancy; Lecta, who married Joseph W. Gaines, of Cleveland (both are now deceased); Horace F., a retired citizen of New Haven, Conn.; Russell P., of Penfield, Ohio; James S., who will receive mention farther on; Edward D., a grain dealer of Detroit City, Minn.; and Frank C., a mechanic of New Haven, Connecticut.

James S. Baldwin received his education in the common schools, and was reared to the duties of agricultural life. He remained at home until twenty-one years old, and then resided for some time with John Adams, of Salisbury, Conn., working a farm on shares. On December 31, 1863, he was married to Delphene L. Gray, who was born in Cornwall, Conn., daughter of Augustus B. Gray, a farmer, and after marriage the young couple spent two years in their native State, one year on a farm, the other in Falls Village. In the spring of 1866 they migrated to Ohio, and rented a farm in the western part of Pittsfield township, where they resided two years. They next took up their residence in Wellington township, where they remained three years, and in 1872 bought eighty acres in Pittsfield township, from Horatio Gates, to which they removed; Mr. Baldwin has since added to this farm, which now comprises 205 acres of excellent land. He has erected several farm buildings, and his residence is one of the pleasantest in the township. In politics our subject is a Republican, though not strictly partisan, and has served as justice of the peace and in various other local positions of trust. He and his wife are leading members of the Congregational Church, and he also takes great personal interest in the Sunday-school. Mr. Baldwin is one of the most successful business men of his township; he deals extensively in poultry, shipping mostly to New Haven, Conn., and is one of the leading men in Lorain county in this line. He also deals in stock and produce, which he ships to larger markets; he has reared some fine-bred Chester White hogs and registered cattle, and his stock of all kinds is excellent. His father being a poor man, Mr. Baldwin started in life with a capital of thirty-seven cents, and his success has been due to his energetic, progressive and industrious habits, his enterprise being well known throughout the county. He is fond of reading, and keeps himself well abreast of the times.

NICHOLAS DIEDERICH, one of the leading representative agriculturists of Sheffield township, is a native of same, born in 1849.

His father, John Diederich, was born November 28, 1805, in Germany, and was there married October 29, 1832, to Gertrude Sauerence, also a native of the Fatherland, born June 22, 1814. In 1843 the family sailed from Antwerp to New York, whence they proceeded to Cleveland, Ohio, reaching the city August 4.

In November of the same year the father bought and settled on the farm in Sheffield township, now occupied by his son Nicholas. Nine children—four sons and five daughters—were born to John and Gertrude Diederich, as follows: Matthias, born November 15, 1833, now a ship carpenter in Cleveland; Catherine, in Sheffield; Peter, in Cleveland; Margaret, who died in December, 1874, in Tennessee; Nicholas; Gertrude, in Milan, Ohio; Anna C., wife of Anton Born, of Avon township, Lorain county; Frank, at North Ridgeville; and Mary C., living in Cuyahoga county, Ohio. The parents are yet living.

Nicholas Diederich, the subject proper of these lines, received a fair common-school education, and was trained to the pursuits of the farm. He now owns a fine property of seventy-six acres highly cultivated land, and does an extensive general farming business.

In 1878 Mr. Diederich was married to Miss Anna Burkhart, who died November 7, 1880, and in 1885 our subject wedded Catherine Schneider, to which union six children were born, as follows: Theresa, October 2, 1885; Juliet, January 11, 1887, died March 17, same year; Lidwina, July 3, 1888; Zitta, October 20, 1889; Amanda, November 6, 1891, and Leonardo, March 23, 1893. In politics Mr. Diederich is a Democrat, and has served as township trustee since 1881, having been recently reëlected for another term; for several years he has been a member of the school board.

J. F. HASERODT, a popular and progressive citizen of Elyria, where he carries on a prosperous harness business, was born in Medina county, Ohio, July 8, 1836, a son of H. C. and Margaret (Berdz) Haserodt, natives of Prussia.

The parents of our subject came to America in 1834, and made a permanent settlement in Medina county, Ohio, where the father carried on harness making and farming; he was born in 1799, and died in 1887, aged eighty-eight years and four months; the mother was born in 1807, and passed away in 1891. Nine children were born to them, of whom our subject is the fourth in order of birth. Mr. Haserodt received his education at the common schools, which was supplemented with considerable private study and close observation of men and things. He learned his trade in Cleveland, Ohio, being apprenticed to it at the age of about seventeen years. In 1857 he proceeded to Memphis, Tenn., and there remained until the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, when he came north to Pittsburgh, Penn., and after a sojourn there of some eight months returned to Cleveland, becoming foreman of a harness shop in that city. His business was such that he could not join the Union army, but he furnished a substitute. In 1867 he went on his father's farm in Medina county, and there remained thirteen years, in 1880 moving thence to Elyria, where he opened out his present business. He makes a specialty of light harness, and his trade is not confined to Lorain county, for he ships full harness sets to Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, and other cities. Mr. Haserodt is recognized as one of the most expert harness makers in the country, and commands a wide custom.

In 1862 he was married, in Cleveland, to Miss Johanna M. Meyer, and eleven children have blessed their union, viz.: Lillie, George, Henry, Edmund, William, Otto, Oscar, Paul, Violet, Manuel and Elmer. Mr. Haserodt is a stanch Republican, and in 1889 he was elected a member of the city council from the Fourth Ward, to which position he has since been twice reëlected, his third term expiring in 1895. In church connection he is an Evangelical Lutheran, and has occupied the position of elder in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church for six years, at

present serving his third term. On Mr. Haserodt's settlement in Elyria, he bought a lot on which his father built a house. He then removed his aged parents to the house, adjoining his own, and to the day of their death he cared for them with true filial devotion.

L. A. BARNES, M. D., a practicing physician and surgeon of Lorain, is a native of Columbus, Ohio, born in 1853, a son of Dr. L. and Julia (Moulton) Barnes, the father a native of Connecticut, the mother of Vermont.

When a boy Dr. L. Barnes came from his native State to Licking county, Ohio, where he was reared, and where he married. He has been a practicing physician for over forty years, and he and his wife now reside in Lorain, Ohio, whither they had come in 1888. Grandfather Mallory Barnes, a native of Connecticut, became an early pioneer of Licking county, Ohio, of which he was in his day a prominent citizen, closely identified with its best interests. He and his wife both died there. The parents of subject reared a family of nine children, seven of whom are yet living. One son, Leroy, enlisted in Delaware county, Ohio, in 1861, in Company C, Fourth O. V. I., and served four years in the army of the West; he is now a practicing physician in Laramie, Wyoming.

The subject proper of this sketch received his elementary education at the common schools of Delaware county, Ohio, after which he attended the college at Delaware. On completing his course there, he entered Columbus (Ohio) Medical College in 1878, and afterward further continued the study of medicine in Cleveland Medical Institute, where he graduated with the class of 1880. The Doctor then practiced his chosen profession, in connection with his father, in Delaware, two years, and continued in same, alone, at Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, same State, until 1882, in which year he came to Lorain county, locating in Kipton, whence, in 1888, he removed to Lorain, where he now resides. He has now been some thirteen continuous years in the profession, and is in the enjoyment of a large and lucrative practice.

In 1882, in Champaign county, Ohio, Dr. L. A. Barnes was united in marriage with Miss Emma Davis, of that county, daughter of Martin Van Buren and Elizabeth (Miller) Davis, natives of Pennsylvania and Maine, respectively, and early pioneers of Champaign county, where the father died in 1891; the mother now resides in Mechanicsburg. To Dr. and Mrs. Barnes have been born three daughters: Clara, Ida and Lucille. Our subject is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, Tent No. 1, Lorain, and is examining physician for the Order; is also a member of Woodland Lodge No. 226, Lorain, Knights of Pythias.

E. C. FOSTER. The gentleman here named is one of the most widely known, well-to-do citizens of North Amherst. He is a native of the township, born September 1, 1827, a son of Elisha Foster, Jr., and Anna Maria (Mason) Foster.

The father of our subject was born October 15, 1795, in Vermont, whence when a young man he moved to Herkimer county, N. Y. Here he resided until 1815, when he came west to Ohio, locating in Avon township, Lorain county, having purchased forty acres of land, which he cleared and cultivated; but in about a couple of years (in 1817) he came to Amherst township, where he passed the rest of his days, dying January 23, 1842, the owner of 309 acres of excellent farm land.

In his political preferences he was a Democrat. His widow is yet living on the home farm with her daughter, Mary M., and is one of the oldest inhabitants of Amherst township. They had five children—three sons and two daughters — viz.: Leonard, who died at the age of ten years; E. C., subject of this sketch; Parks, a resident of Elyria; Mary M., wife of Ezra Straw, living on the old homestead; and Martha, wife of S. Porter, of St. Louis, Michigan.

Elisha Foster, Sr., grandfather of subject, was a native of Boston, Mass. He came from Herkimer county, N. Y., to Lorain county, in 1815, with his wife, three sons and one daughter. He died in 1833 aged sixty-eight years, his wife having preceded him to the grave in September, 1828.

E. C. Foster, the subject proper of this sketch, received a liberal education at the common schools of the vicinity of his place of birth, and was reared to farming pursuits, which he followed until 1867. In that year, he and his bother, Parks, bought out a stone quarry which they successfully operated some time, and then sold out. On June 10, 1847, Mr. Foster married Miss Mary M. Aiken, who was born in Brooklyn township, Cuyhoga Co., Ohio, August 25, 1831. Four children were born to this union, namely: (1) Orlando E., now on a farm in Amherst township, was born March 23, 1848, married Sophia Lesley, and has two children: Edwin E. and Cora U., of whom Edwin E. was educated in the common schools and at Elyria High School, and is now teaching school; (2) N. Franklin was born June 23, 1849, married Lillian A. Wolcott March 17, 1872, and lives on the old homestead; (3) Ella U., born May 22, 1851, was married to William Hutton, foreman in a stone quarry, and they have two sons: Willie and Frank; (4) Mrs. F. M. Barber, of Amherst, whose husband is a traveling man, has one son, Joseph E. Barber, now in Elyria High School.

Mr. Foster has been eminently successful in all his business enterprises, of which there were some in Chattanooga, Tenn., also real-estate interests. He is a stockholder in the Lorain Steamship Company, etc. Politically he has been a Republican since the birth of that party, and he is an honored citizen, respected for his integrity and moral worth, and for the valuable assistance he has rendered in developing the resources of his native county.

L. L. SEARS, prominent and influential among the prosperous agriculturists of Elyria township, is a native of Massachusetts, born in Lenox, Berkshire county, April 8, 1825.

The family, of which our subject is a worthy member, come of English ancestry, two brothers, Paul and Silas Sears, having emigrated from England to America about the year 1600, and from Paul our subject is descended. Zachariah Sears, father of L. L., also a native of Massachusetts, was a farmer by occupation. He married Miss Almira Butler, also of the Bay State, and they both died there. Nine children were born to them, of whom three are yet living, viz.: James, who resides in Pittsfield, Mass.; Polly, who was married to George Whittaker, and resides in Marlborough, Mass.; and L. L., subject of this memoir.

L. L. Sears, of whom this sketch more particularly relates, was educated in his native State, and was trained to the duties of the farm. He has been twice married: first time in 1848 to Miss Sarah Schofield, by whom he has one son, George L., a florist and manufacturer of pottery in Elyria. Mr. Sears' second wife was Miss Charlotte Schofield, whom he wedded in 1858, and by this union there is one child, Lillian, a young lady of bright natural ability, and well educated; she is a popular school teacher, having taught first in Carlisle township, Lorain county, then in the high

school at Mentor, same State, and is now superintendent of the public schools in Mentor. She graduated in Oberlin, Ohio, class of 1890.

In 1861 Mr. Sears came to Ohio, first locating in Medina county, then in 1867 settling in Lorain county on a farm within the corporate limits of Elyria, which he subsequently sold, purchasing his present fine property. A Republican in politics, he is one of the active and influential adherents of the party, is a member of the school board, and has served as township trustee. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at Elyria.

JOSEPH GANNETT, Wellington. This gentleman is descended from Benjamin Gannett, one of three stalwart brothers who in an early day came from England to America, he settling in Suffolk county, Mass., the other two in Virginia, but of whom nothing is known than that they both died bachelors, intestate, and their property went to the State.

Jacob Gannett, grandfather of subject, was born in Suffolk county, Mass.; he was a millwright by trade, went to New York State, and died there at the advanced age of eighty four years. Joseph, his son, was born in Massachusetts July 3, 1776, and died March 10, 1847, in Spencer, Medina Co., Ohio. When a child his parents moved to New York State, where he was reared on a farm in Ontario county, near Palmyra, receiving but a limited subscription-school education. He was married there to a Miss Craft, by which union there were three children: Ellit, who married Mr. A. Hill, and resided in Lockport, N. Y., and Genesee county, N. Y., finally moving to Spencer, Medina Co., Ohio, where she died; Ruth, who married R. Smith, and they lived near Spencer, Medina county, afterward in Wisconsin, where she died; and Olive, the deceased wife of S. Smith, lived in Wellington village. The mother of these died, and the father then married Miss Martha Stone, by whom there were four children, as follows: Joseph, the subject proper of this sketch; Hannah, who was married to Mr. Nooney, and died of pneumonia in November, 1893; Alvin, who died at the age of sixty-eight years, resided in Spencer, Medina county (he left a family), and Mary Jane (who never married), killed in a runaway when she was thirty-four years of age. When the family came to Ohio, the journey was made in a wagon, the distance being over 300 miles, and occupying about three weeks. They arrived in the month of November, and at once located in Spencer township, Medina county, the father having taken up one thousand acres of land there by trading his New York farm for same. Here the parents of our subject passed the rest of their days, the mother dying in 1869 aged eighty-four years, having been born in 1785; the father was a Close Communion Baptist, and in his political sympathies a Whig and Republican. He was a very strong man, of fine physique, standing six feet in his stockings.

Joseph Gannett, the subject of this sketch, was born in Ontario county, N. Y., near Palmyra, February 6, 1819. At the age of sixteen he came with the rest of the family to Spencer township, Medina county, and after leaving school, which in those early days was of a very primitive nature, he took up the private study of sciences, including philosophy, astronomy, etc. In Medina county he carried on mixed farming, including dairying, and owned 160 acres of good land. In 1871 he moved from there to Wellington township, Lorain county, and bought his present farm of 228 acres, all in one body, located in the corner of the corporation of the village of Wellington. In 1841 Mr. Gannett was married to Miss Orra Warner, sister to S. S. Warner, ex-treasurer of Ohio, and they had one

child, Chauncey Warner, who married, and had four children: Orra E., Jo, Elmer K. and Chauncey W.; he died June 5, 1890, aged thirty-nine years. This wife was called from earth in September, 1850, at the early age of twenty-six years, and in 1851 Mr. Gannett wedded her sister, Miss Emma C. Warner, by which union there were two children: Cora E. and Mary Eliza, the youngest of whom died at the age of nineteen months. Politically our subject was a straight Whig and Republican till the last State election, when he voted the Prohibition ticket; he cast his first vote for W. H. Harrison, and supported Birney and Hall. In matters of religion he is liberal, with leanings toward the Unitarian faith. [Since the above was written we have been informed of the death of Mr. Joseph Gannett. He died November 2, 1893, of pneumonia, after three days' illness; his sister, Hannah, died of the same disease two weeks later.—Editor.

BRECKENRIDGE. Norman Breckenridge, a native of Vermont, when a young man came to New York State, and in Orange county married Triphena Rosencrans, who was born in that State.

In Oswego county Norman Breckenridge carried on farming, and here three children were born to him, as follows: Alonzo L., living in Kipton; Norman, who was a member of the Twenty-third O. V. I., and was killed in the war of the Rebellion; and Mary, now Mrs. Arnold, of Oberlin, Ohio. In 1834 the family came to Ohio by way of the Erie Canal and Lake Erie, first locating in Wakeman township, Huron county, and then in the spring of 1835 removing to Camden township, Lorain county, settling east of the center, where the father bought sixty-six acres of wild land at two dollars and fifty cents per acre, which by steady industry he was not long in converting into a fine farm. Here he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1860. Mrs. Breckenridge, after the death of her husband, removed to Oberlin, Ohio, where she remained until her death in 1876, and they now repose side by side in Camden cemetery. The children born to them in Ohio are as follows: Daniel W., B. F., J. A., Henry C. and Frances (Mrs. R. H. Lamphier), all in Michigan (except B. F.), where the first named is a merchant. Politically the father was a stanch Whig and Republican, and served with fidelity and ability in various offices of trust in his township. He was a devout and liberal member of the Disciple Church (which was removed from the center of Camden township to Kipton), and was a highly esteemed citizen.

ALONZO L. BRECKENRIDGE (eldest son of Norman Breckenridge), well known in the commercial circles of northern Ohio, more especially in Lorain county, where his business for the most part has been conducted, is a native of New York State, born in Oswego county October 20, 1831.

In 1834, then a three-year-old boy, he was brought to Ohio by his father, the family locating in Wakeman township, Huron county, and then in the spring of 1835 removing to Camden township, Lorain county, where the father bought sixty-six acres of wild land at two dollars and fifty cents per acre, which with the assistance of his family he ere long converted into a fertile farm. Here young Alonzo attended, a few months in the winter time, the primitive subscription schools of those early days, his first teacher being a Miss Parker, while his summer months were devoted to working on his father's farms. At the age of eighteen he hired out to farm work at nine dollars per month. After his marriage he located in Henrietta township on a farm of seventy-eight acres, which he bought at twenty-eight dollars per acre, going into debt one thousand five hundred dollars, and here lived ten years,

at the end of which time he came to Kipton and commenced the business of fur buying, conducting at the same time a grocery store for some years. The firm of Breckenridge Bros., general storekeepers, was then formed, and continued twelve years, our subject then embarking in the elevator business, and buying grain, etc., in which he has since continued; has also a half interest in an elevator in Elyria. Of late years he has been somewhat retired from active work, but superintends his business affairs. Forty years ago he received a kick on the leg from a horse, and the hurt has ever since troubled him, keeping him at times from attending to business.

On June 15, 1857, Mr. Breckenridge was united in marriage with Aravilla Bohall, who was born in Lewis county, N. Y., in 1828, a daughter of John Bohall, and to this union there is one child, Nina, now Mrs. Williard Granger, of Kipton. Politically our subject is a Republican, his first vote being cast for John P. Hale, and he has held various offices, such as township treasurer over eighteen years.

B. F. BRECKENRIDGE (fourth son of Norman Breckenridge), one of Lorain county's leading merchants, carrying on a prosperous business in the town of Kipton and elsewhere, was born in Camden, Ohio, November 11, 1840.

For a time he attended the common schools and Oberlin College, which prepared him for teaching, a profession he followed some time. In 1863 he bought a farm in Camden township, Lorain county, on which he went to live, leaving the paternal roof, and this he conducted until 1868, when he moved into the town of Kipton, and purchased the general store of Thomas La Nell, which he at once took charge of, and under his direction and management the business has increased to mammoth proportions. He has erected several good business blocks in the town, and his own store occupies a substantial and commodious room. In addition to this extensive concern Mr. Breckenridge is interested in several other stores in Kipton, and is owner of one in Lorain.

On June 4, 1864, our subject was married to Miss Mary Arnold, born in Camden township in 1844, daughter of George and Mary Ann (Moore) Arnold. Mr. and Mrs. Breckenridge adopted the following children: Earl N., who died at the age of seven years, and Georgie M., a highly educated young lady. Politically Mr. Breckenridge was a Republican till 1872, when he voted for Horace Greeley, since when he has been a straight Democrat. He invariably declines office, as his various commercial interests demand and receive his undivided attention.

JOHN HAWKE, an extensive agriculturist and landowner of Eaton township, has been a resident of Lorain county since 1858. He was born in 1833 in Cornwall, England, son of Richard and Grace (Hugglow) Hawke, both natives of England, where the father died; in 1858 the widowed mother came with her son John to Lorain county, Ohio, whence she subsequently moved to Jefferson county, Wisconsin.

The subject proper of this sketch was reared to farm life, and was educated in the schools of his native country. In 1858 he was married, in England, to Miss Ann Sheer, who was also born in that country, daughter of John and Margery (Denis) Sheer, natives of Cornwall, who lived and died in their native land. In the year of their marriage the young couple came to the United States, locating first in Ridgeville township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where they lived some years, and then coming to Eaton township, settling near North Eaton. Here Mr. Hawke purchased a cleared farm, where he has since been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, and his place

now comprises 200 acres of land in a good state of cultivation, upon which he has erected a good barn. Mrs. Ann Hawke died in 1878, and in 1890 he married, in Columbia township, Lorain county, Miss Clara Holbrook, who was born in Eaton township; her parents, Charles and Phebe (Hathaway) Holbrook, were natives of Massachusetts, who in an early day came to Lorain county, where the father died August 1, 1893; the widowed mother now makes her home on the old farm. To the union of John and Clara Hawke have come two children: One who died in infancy, and Esther. Mr. Hawke has also reared an adopted child, Ernest James, now of Cleveland. In politics our subject is a Republican, and takes an active interest in the welfare of his party; Mrs. Hawke is a member of the M. E. Church.

GEORGE LYON, a prominent and progressive farmer of Elyria township, was born in 1836, in Huron county, Ohio, a son of John and Elizabeth (Thurston) Lyon.

John Lyon, father of subject, was born and reared in Rockland county, N. Y., where he married Elizabeth Thurston. In an early day they moved westward to Buffalo, whence they proceeded by lake to Cleveland, Ohio, and from there by road to Huron county, where he followed farming and carpentry. After a time they removed to Cleveland, where the mother died. She had children as follows: Jane (deceased in Cleveland), who was married to George W. Shepherd; Eleanor, who died in Michigan; Jacob, deceased in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, about 1850; George, subject of sketch; and Elizabeth, who died in Cleveland. John Lyon married, for his second wife, Clarissa Huntington, and by her had two children: Melissa, who died in Brooklyn township, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, and Charles, married, and residing in Elyria township, Lorain county. The father was called from earth in 1880, in his eighty-ninth year.

George Lyon, whose name introduces this biographical sketch, received his education in the common schools of his boyhood period. In April, 1861, he enlisted for three months in an independent company at Cleveland, which served chiefly in western Virginia. He participated in the engagements at Carrick's Ford and Laurel Hill, and in July, 1861, received his discharge in Columbus, Ohio. In 1864 he re-enlisted, this time in Capt. Babcock's Light Artillery, which was sent to Sandusky and to Johnson's Island, guarding prisoners; at Sandusky he was discharged in November, 1864, and returned to Cleveland. In 1866 he came to Elyria township, and settled on his present farm of fifty-five acres, where he has since been actively engaged in general agriculture, including the rearing of Hereford cattle.

In 1866 Mr. Lyon was married, in Medina county, Ohio, to Miss Jennie E. Blanchard, to which union were born three children: Ulysses G., married, and living in Elyria, Ohio; Ida A., who died at the age of five years, and William R., at home. The mother of these died in 1882, and in 1888 Mr. Lyon married Mrs. Mary Ann Fitzgerald, a native of Canada. Politically our subject is a Republican; socially he is a member of the G. A. R. and I. O. O. F., Elyria, and of the American Hereford Cattle Breeders Association.

J. B. CHAPMAN, vessel owner and hardware man, Lorain, is a native of that town, born in the year 1859, a son of James and Elizabeth (Burk) Chapman.

He received a liberal education at the common schools of his place of birth, and at the age of nine years commenced sail-

ing on the lakes as cook on his father's boat. After leaving the water, at the age of fourteen, he entered a hardware store in Lorain, in which he remained twelve consecutive years, less one. For some time past he has been engaged in F. W. Edison's hardware store in Lorain, and is at present employed there. He has held interests in the following vessels: The "C. H. Burton," "Itasca," "St. Lawrence," "Gen. Sigel," and the "Selkirk."

Mr. Chapman was united in marriage with Miss Carrie R. Bemis, of Lorain, Ohio. In politics he is a Republican, prominently identified with the party ever since casting his first vote, and he is a member of the city council. Socially he belongs to the K. O. T. M.

HARRISON A. CRAGIN, a prosperous farmer, an unpretentious citizen and an agreeable neighbor, is one of the best known and most popular men in LaGrange township, of which he may be said to be a life resident.

Mr. Cragin was born in May, 1835, in Weston, Windsor Co., Vt., a son of Benjamin Cragin, a farmer, who married Miss Mahala Boyington. In the Green Mountain State they had children, as follows: Lorena, Benjamin N., Charles C., Adna A., Esther, Horace B., and Harrison A.; in Ohio was born Elizabeth, the youngest in the family.

In September, 1835, the family set out from Vermont in a wagon for Buffalo, N. Y., whence they proceeded by Lake Erie to Cleveland, Ohio, and from there by road to Lorain county. Here, while stopping with an acquaintance to rest after their long journey, they became so impressed with the country that they decided to remain, and Mr. Cragin purchased a part of Lot No. 61, in Grafton township, containing 160 acres of woodland, at four dollars per acre; there was no house of any kind on the place, but it was not long before a dwelling 22 x 32 feet, and one and one-half stories high, was erected, all the timber for it being cut by Mr. Cragin himself. Here this pioneer toiled and prospered, assisting in the development of the country, and witnessing the onward march of civilization close on the heels of the retiring Red Indian and the yet more fierce panther, wolf and bear. He died July 31, 1865, his wife in 1855, and they were buried in West Grafton cemetery. They were members of the Methodist Church, in which he was trustee, steward and class-leader, and in politics he was originally an Old-line Whig, afterward a Republican. He was a very robust man, and at sixty years of age could rake and bind all day after a cradler in the harvest field.

Harrison A. Cragin, the subject proper of this sketch, was about five months old when the family came to Lorain county. He received such education as the subscription schools of those early times afforded, was reared to the onerous duties of farm life, and has passed his entire life on the old homestead.

On September 6, 1855, he wedded, in Wood county, Ohio, Miss Fanny Richardson, born in February, 1837, in Franklin county, Maine, a daughter of Asa and Jane (Staples) Richardson, who came to Ohio in 1850, and later moved to Michigan, where the father died in 1878, and the mother is yet living. The record of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison A. Cragin is as follows: Flora, born March 24, 1856, now Mrs. Frank Foster, of LaGrange; Fred, born December 11, 1860, of Grafton township; Earl, born July 7, 1863, a farmer of LaGrange township; and Ernest, born October 24, 1874, who resides at home. Mr. Cragin is the owner of 160 acres prime land, where he carried on general farming until a few years ago, since when he has lived a comparatively retired life. He had bought the old home farm, satisfying the

claims of the other heirs, and has considerably remodeled and improved the dwelling and outbuildings. He is a Republican, and cast his first vote for John C. Fremont, but is no politician, though he has never missed a vote since his first ballot. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, in which he has held various offices, for a considerable time serving as superintendent of the Sunday-school.

ROBERT J. COWLEY, whose name on the Great Lakes, wherever they can be navigated, is the synonym of carefulness and superior seamanship, is a native of the Buckeye State, born in Cleveland, November 2, 1839.

His parents, Robert A. and Catherine (Cain) Cowley, were natives of the Isle of Man, the father born in the town of Peel, the mother in the village of Ballaugh. They immigrated to America about the year 1826, and settled in Cleveland, Ohio, where the father followed shipbuilding. He was the youngest of seven brothers, all of whom were sea-faring men; he died at the age of seventy years, the mother when sixty-seven years old.

The subject proper of this biographical notice received a sound practical education at the public schools of Cleveland, and when old enough learned the trade of shipbuilder, which he followed afterward, for some time, during the winter months; sailing the lakes as a man before the mast in the summers of open seasons. In 1858 he removed from Cleveland to Black Lake, near Grand Haven, Mich., where he was engaged in fishing and lumbering for three years. Late in the summer of the year preceding the breaking out of the Civil war, he went South, first to St. Louis, then to New Orleans, working at his trade in shipyards, and he was in the latter city at the breaking out of the Rebellion. As soon as possible in the spring of 1861 he returned North, and took up his residence in Black River (now Lorain). In the summer of 1864 he entered the navy in the service of the U. S. Government, and assisted in the blockade of the West Gulf under Commodore Farragut. While attempting the capture of Mobile, Ala., the gunboat on which our subject served was blown up by a torpedo, causing a loss of one half the crew in killed and wounded, Capt. Cowley himself having a narrow escape. After the close of the war he returned to Lorain, and in the summers sailed the lakes, in winter time working at his trade, until 1879, in which year he entered into an engagement with the Menominee Transportation Co., with whom he was employed winters until 1885, superintending repairs on their vessels; during the summer seasons sailing one of their steamers. Since then he has been employed by Corrigan & Co., and also by H. J. Webb & Co., both of Cleveland, on their steamers as master. The first steamship he ever sailed on was the "David W. Rush," and many a fine propeller has he since commanded.

In 1866 Capt. Cowley was married, in Lorain, to Miss Celia E. Lyons, who was born in Lorain, as were also her parents, Winfield Scott and Mary (Brooks) Lyons. Three children have been born to this union, viz.: Scott L., Rittie C. and Robert H. In politics the Captain is a Republican, and he is a member of the F. & A. M.

OL. FISHER, a prominent and enterprising farmer and dairyman of Huntington township, was born June 11, 1839, in Brighton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, a son of Danforth and Lucinda (Wilcox) Fisher.

The father of the subject of sketch was born in Burlington, Otsego Co., N. Y., July 9, 1807, and was married in Henderson,

Jefferson county, January 1, 1832, to Miss Lucinda Wilcox, born in that county April 14, 1812. In New York State they had born to them two children, and then, in 1836, they came by water to Ohio, settling in the southeast corner of Brighton township, then a wilderness, and here were born to them nine children. In 1863 the parents removed to Michigan, and made their final home in Johnstown, Barry county, dying there, the mother May 12, 1888, the father April 16, 1889. Mrs. Fisher was a member of the Disciple Church; Mr. Fisher was a strong Republican in his political preferences. Their family numbered in all eleven children, one of whom Phœbe Alice died in infancy, the rest being as follows: Eliza, wife of Joseph Powers, residing in Michigan; H. Clinton, who was a resident of Michigan, now deceased; Edward B., a farmer of Huntington township; served one year in the Tenth Michigan Cavalry; O. L., subject of sketch; Alma, who was married to Hiram Wilson, and lived in Cleveland, and who is now a widow, residing in California; Newton D., late a resident of Cleveland, where he was a lumber merchant, who served four years in the Second Ohio Cavalry (he died November 17, 1893); George F., a carpenter, of Chicago; Oren D., who was educated at Oberlin College, at Olivet (Mich.) College, and later at Yale College, and is now a minister in the Congregational Church at Toledo, Ohio; Peter, a farmer in Michigan; and Wilbur, in the lumber business at Cleveland.

O. L. Fisher, whose name opens this sketch, attended during the winter months the district schools of Wellington township, Lorain county, and worked on his father's farm summers. In 1862, in Brighton township, he enlisted in Battery I, First Ohio Light Artillery, and was sent to Eastern Virginia. He participated in the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Valley, Rocky Face, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, bombardment of Fredericksburg, Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta, Ga., in fact all the engagements his battery took part in. On June 13, 1865, he was discharged, after having been in hospital five months, and returned to his home in Brighton township, Lorain county, whence after a month's stay he went to Michigan, whither his parents had gone, as above stated. At the end of six years he again came to Lorain county, and bought his present farm of 127 acres in Huntington township, where he successfully carries on general farming, including a lucrative dairying business. On December 27, 1865, Mr. Fisher married Miss Sarah A. Ledyard, a native of Huntington township, born July 11, 1846, and they have two children, viz.: Louis, at present residing at home, and Erva.

ALLEN SANDERS. Among the several prosperous and enterprising native-born agriculturists of Lorain county, none, probably, is deserving more prominent notice in this volume than the gentleman whose name here appears.

Mr. Sanders was born in LaGrange township in 1835, a son of Horace and Maranda (Clark) Sanders, natives of the State of New York, who came before marriage to Ohio. They were wedded in LaGrange township, Lorain county, and settled on a farm which he had purchased in 1826. Here they passed the rest of their pioneer lives, the father dying in 1879 aged seventy-two years, the mother in 1883, also aged seventy-two. To Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sanders were born six children, as follows: W. B., Allen, Melinda (deceased), De Loss (deceased in LaGrange township), Eber (a farmer of LaGrange township), and Clark (who died in Newburgh, Ohio). Grandfather Sanders was born in New York State, and Grandfather Nathan Clark was a pioneer of LaGrange township, subsequently moving to Eaton county, Mich., where he died.

Allen Sanders, the subject proper of this sketch, received his education at the district schools of LaGrange township, and was practically reared to farm life. Up till 1883 he was engaged in farming in LaGrange and Pittsfield townships, and then came to Elyria township, buying an improved farm known as the "Cochran farm." In 1858 he was married to Miss Amelia Thorpe, a native of Carlisle township, Lorain county, and daughter of Maletus and Emily (Squires) Thorpe, natives of Vermont, who came to Lorain county at an early day, and died here. To Mr. and Mrs. Sanders was born one child that died at the age of three months. In politics our subject is a Democrat of influence, active in the affairs of his party, and he is noted for his industry and frugality, and liberality toward schools, churches and all public enterprises.

EDWIN H. BACON, than whom probably no one in Lorain county is better known, is a native of Brownhelm township, born November 19, 1838, only son of John C. and Mary (Peck) Bacon.

The father of subject was born in Massachusetts, June 10, 1811, and died in Brownhelm township, Lorain county, whither he had come in the spring of 1818, being brought by his parents. His father, George Bacon, bought land from the State of Connecticut, and carried on farming up to the time of his death, which occurred when he was eighty years old. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His father, also named George (great-grandfather of E. H. Bacon), received a life pension for services rendered in the Revolutionary war, part of which was, being disguised as an Indian, the throwing of the tea overboard the English ships in Boston harbor. John C. Bacon was a well-known business man in Brownhelm township, and built up the place known as Bacon's Corners. He married Mary Peck, by which union there was but one child — Edwin H. John C. Bacon, in his political predilections, was a Republican, ever active in the interests of his party.

Edwin H. Bacon received a liberal education in the schools of the vicinity of his place of birth. In September, 1861, he was united in marriage with Celia S. Hawley, who is also a native of Brownhelm township, Lorain county, born February 19, 1862. She is a daughter of J. K. and Margaret (Wells) Hawley, the former of whom was born February 19, 1807, in Jefferson, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, the latter on July 11, 1808, in Hartford, Conn. To Mr. and Mrs. Bacon have come eight children, as follows: Alice M., wife of John Shotton; Edith M.; Elizabeth F.; Edna C., wife of L. A. Busche; Bertha M., wife of W. E. Fisher; Minerva S., Grace A. and Edwin K. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bacon made their home on a farm in Brownhelm township for three years, and then moved to Wood county, Ohio, where they resided a few years, returning to Brownhelm township, and resuming farming there. After about fifteen years they proceeded to Vermillion, Ohio, but at the end of four years returned to Lorain county and took charge of the "Farrell House" in the town of Lorain, for two and one-half years. In 1891 they moved into Elyria (where they yet reside), and for one year kept the old-established "Beebe House" in that town. Politically Mr. Bacon is a Republican.

HIRAM PRENTICE, one of Camden township's most highly respected citizens, is a native of the State of New York, born September 15, 1824, in Lewis county, a son of William and Sallie (Bates) Prentice.

William Prentice, father of subject, was a miller by trade in New York State, conducting saw and grist mills. In 1835 he came to Ohio with his wife and five children, the journey being made with wagons, and they brought with them such household goods as were necessary for them by the way, the bulk of the effects being conveyed by water to Huron, at that time a port on Lake Erie. Coming to Camden township, Lorain Co., Ohio, the family located one half mile south of the present village of Kipton, where Mr. Prentice bought one hundred acres of uncleared land for eight hundred dollars cash, and had sufficient money left to equip the farm with all necessary outhouses, etc., for there was nothing in the way of buildings on it save two small huts. He also conducted a gristmill. On May 1, 1836, less than one year after settling on his purchase, he passed from earth, and was buried on his farm, but his remains were afterward removed to Camden cemetery. His widow died in February, 1886, at an advanced age, and was laid to rest by his side. They were the parents of five children, all born in New York State, as follows: Diantha, widow of Obediah Bowen, of Elyria; Obadiah, late a physician of Norwalk; William, of Rice county, Minn.; Hiram, subject of this memoir; and Harvey, of New York City.

On Friday, December 29, 1893, died Dr. Obadiah Prentice, at his home in Norwalk. He was born at Lowville, Lewis Co., N. Y., November 6, 1819. In 1835, with his parents, he moved to Camden township, Lorain county, where he lived for many years. In 1848 he was graduated from the Cincinnati Medical College, and began to practice in Ashtabula, where he remained for six years; thence removed to Monroeville, where he lived until 1881, at which time he came to Norwalk, where he has since resided. In 1844 he married Miss Harriett D. Webster, of Jefferson, Ohio. His wife and two children—Dr. C. M. C. Prentice, of Chicago, and Mrs. L. D. Lindsley, of Norwalk—survive him. His life is too well known to need eulogy, for by his death the community has lost a helping friend in all kinds of trouble.

"Life's work well done,
Life's race well run,
Life's crown well won,
Now comes rest."

The remains were interred in Camden cemetery, where his father and mother are sleeping, Camden being his old boyhood home.

Hiram Prentice, whose name opens this sketch, was reared a farmer boy, and received a liberal education at the public schools. A good deal of his boyhood time was spent in his father's mills, and being a bright mechanic he was able to dress buhrs in the gristmill before he was twelve years old. In 1835 he came to Ohio with the rest of the family, as above related, and was at once put to work at the plow, driving and steering the oxen between the many stumps that remained in the ground. Wild animals were still plentiful, and deer, turkeys and occasional bears were to be seen in the woods. He was at that time aged about twelve years, and when a little older he entered Oberlin College, where he made considerable progress in his studies. Having fitted himself for teaching, he followed the profession in Camden township, Lorain county, and also in Lyme township, Huron county. For seven years he studied medicine under the preceptorship of his brother, in Ashtabula, Ohio, but circumstances compelled him to give it up and return to the home farm, which gradually fell into his possession, he buying out the interests of the other heirs, and he has resided thereon ever since.

On March 17, 1853, Mr. Prentice was married to Laura A. Webster, who was born October 3, 1831, in Kingsville, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, a daughter of Smith and Margaret (Blodgett) Webster. She is a well-educated lady, and for seven or eight terms taught school in Ashtabula county,

at which time it was she formed the acquaintance of Mr. Prentice. The children born to this union were Eugene S., agent for the Michigan Southern and Lake Shore Railroad at Kipton; Minnie R., who died at the age of seventeen years, and Jennie E., at home. Politically Mr. Prentice was originally a Whig (his first Presidential vote being cast for John P. Hale), then a Free-Soiler, later a Republican until 1884, when he united with the Prohibitionists. While under the Republican banner he served his township in several offices. He and his wife are leading members and liberal supporters of the Christian Church at Kipton, in which he is an elder.

JOHN WOLF. One of the representative thorough business men and shrewd financiers of Lorain county, and not the least of Rochester township's systematic and progressive farmer citizens, is the gentleman whose name here appears.

Mr. Wolf was born July 27, 1832, in Knox township, Columbiana Co., Ohio, a grandson of Adam Wolf, who in 1805 came from Virginia to Ohio, and died in Indiana. William Wolf, father of John, was a native of Virginia, born in Loudoun county, and came with his parents to Ohio, where in Columbiana county he married Miss Catherine Fetterhoff, who was born in the Keystone State, a daughter of Jacob Fetterhoff. In 1848 the family removed to Troy township, Ashland Co., same State, thence after a time to Steuben county, Ind., where, near Pleasant Lake, William died in 1888; he lies buried in Mt. Zion Church cemetery in that county. His widow, now well advanced in life, resides in DeKalb county, Ind., with her eldest daughter, Susanna Smith. Of their large family of seventeen children, fifteen married, and fourteen are yet living in various parts of the United States, the sons for the most part being farmers.

John Wolf, of whom this sketch chiefly relates, received his education in the public schools of his day, which in some respects, he avers, are superior to those of the present time. He was practically trained to farming under the tuition of his father, and at the same time learned carpentry, although not apprenticed to the trade. From the age of sixteen he was reared in Troy township, Ashland Co., Ohio, and remained under the paternal roof till he was twenty-two, at which time he commenced working out as a farm hand. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Troy township, Ashland county, in Company K, One Hundred and Second O. V. I., which went into camp in Mansfield, Ohio, and was then detailed to do guard and scout duty in Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged, and returned home, arriving in July, 1865. Not prepared to at once settle down to the pursuits of peace, he married, in the fall of the same year, Miss Eliza A. Sponsler, born in Columbiana county, Ohio, November 24, 1839, a daughter of Andrew Sponsler, at that time a farmer of Sullivan township, Ashland Co., Ohio. The children born to this union are as follows: Charlie, a farmer of Rochester township; Phœbe E., deceased in infancy; Carrie, Mrs. Winter Close, of Orange township, Ashland county; John F., a farmer of Rochester township, and Minner, Mrs. Emmer Hileman.

In Troy township, Ashland county, Mr. Wolf bought, out of his savings at the time he was working by the month at thirteen dollars per month, a farm which he afterward resold. Later, out of his savings from his pay while in the army, he purchased ninety-seven acres near his father's place. In the following year, after making a home on his last purchase, he bought of Cephas Clark a farm of 153 acres in Rochester township, Lorain county, whereon

John Wolf

he now lives, and to this he has since added until he now has 190 acres of as fine agricultural land as can be seen in his section. This has all been accumulated, not by speculation, but by assiduous, honest toil, backed by sound judgment and careful economy, in which he has been loyally and valuably assisted by his amiable and thrifty wife. They are worthy leading members of the Congregational Church, in which he is trustee. Politically he is a Democrat, and in Rochester township, though largely Republican, he has filled the office of trustee for a number of terms with acknowledged ability.

F W. MARTIN, for about sixteen months a member of the firm of Martin & Smith, of Elyria, Ohio, and still of Martin Brothers, Chicago, Ill., and now doing business as F. W. Martin, at Elyria, is a native of Rhenish Bavaria, born May 4, 1861, about four miles from Landau.

In that city he was reared and educated up to the age of fifteen years, at which time he emigrated to America. Having no knowledge of English, he proceeded to Illinois in order to attend the Northwestern College at Naperville in that State. At the end of one term he left that institution, expecting to spend the vacation in Chicago and then return to school; but instead he came to Elyria, where he had a brother living, a clergyman of the German Evangelical Church. After attending school six weeks here, in order to become better acquainted with the English language, he entered the employ of D. C. Baldwin & Co., with whom he remained fifteen months, and then found employment in the dry-goods establishment of Goldberg Brothers, Elyria. With them he also remained some fifteen months, after which he accepted a position with Strauss & Kupfer, till September, 1885, when he commenced business on his own account, in carpets, wall paper, curtains, oil-cloth, etc. He had purchased the stock of Strauss & Kupfer, and commenced business under the firm name of F. W. Martin & Co., his father-in-law, W. F. Hurlbut, being associated with him. At the latter's death Mr. Martin changed the firm to F. W. Martin, which so continued from December 18, 1886, to October 1, 1892, when he formed a partnership with H. H. Smith, and opened out an establishment on Cheapside, in Elyria, at which place he was in business until January 12, 1894. He sold his interest in this firm, and opened up in the same line at No. 27 Broad street as F. W. Martin. Mr. Martin, early in 1888, opened a branch business in Lorain, but in May his health failed, so that he could not properly attend to it, and he consequently sold this branch out the following July. In September, 1891, he commenced business in Chicago, Ill., at No. 503–5 West Madison street, the firm name being Martin Brothers (he having received his brother into partnership), their line of trade being furniture and household goods on the installment plan. On May 1, 1892, he opened another branch in that city, at No. 307 Ogden avenue, for the sale of wall paper, paints, oils, etc., which latter he discontinued after one year's trial.

On January 13, 1885, our subject was united in marriage with Alice G. Hurlbut. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Blue Lodge. Mr. Martin continues to reside in Elyria, as his Chicago house is in a flourishing condition, and does not require his personal attention.

E C. BURGE. This well-known resident of Brighton township is a native of Ohio, born in Orange township, Richland (now Ashland) county, September 11, 1830, a son of John Y. and Mary (Lowry) Burge.

The father of our subject was born in Loudoun county, Va., a son of William Burge, who came to Pennsylvania in early days, residing for some years in Greene county. In the early part of this century he moved to Ohio, finally settling in Richland county, where he died. He had a family of seven children, of whom the following is a brief record: John Y. is the father of our subject; Henry, who was a blacksmith by trade, remained in Pennsylvania, where he died; Mary married Andrew Newman, and died near Jeromesville, Ohio; Benjamin M. died in New Haven township, Huron Co., Ohio (he was accidentally killed in the following manner: He and others were logging, and had several logs rolled together. They were putting a single log on the top of the pile, and Benjamin Burge had one end of it held up with a handspike, one end of this lever being under the log, the other resting on his shoulder. When the rest of the men were lifting up the far end of the log, Burge's foot slipped and he fell, the handspike, being suddenly released from his shoulder, striking him on the neck with great force, dislocating it and producing death); Ruth married Usher Goldsmith, and died near Mansfield, Ohio; Sarah married Christopher Lamberton, a lawyer of Mansfield, Ohio; William L., who was well educated, died in St. Louis, Missouri.

John Y. Burge was reared on a farm, and learned the trade of cooper under his father. He was married in Pennsylvania to Mary Lowry, who was born in Loudoun county, Va., a member of one of the leading families of that State. After marriage they remained in the Keystone State some time, and then came with his family to Ohio, locating on a farm in Stark county, where Mr. Burge stopped temporarily, and engaged with a farmer to work his place for a period of three years; then moved to Richland county, whither his parents had preceded him, and in the township of Orange he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives. They had a family of fourteen children, as follows: Lemuel G., who died in Orange township after reaching adult age; William W., who died in infancy, in Stark county, Ohio; Samuel W., who died of typhoid fever in Orange township; Benjamin M., of Greenwich, Huron Co., Ohio; John, a farmer of Brighton township; Elizabeth, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Sarah, who married John Goldsmith, and now lives in Richland county, Ohio; Ruth, who died unmarried; Mary, who died in youth; E. C., subject of this sketch; Rachel, unmarried, residing in Ashland county, Ohio; Ezra L., of Oberlin, Ohio; Ellzey K., who died in Lawrence county, Penn.; and one that died in infancy unnamed. Mr. Burge followed his trade, coopering, with much success in the various places where he lived, and succeeded in accumulating a pleasant home, comprising 153 acres of prime land, and an elegant house. In his political associations he was a Whig, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church.

E. C. Burge, whose name opens this sketch, received his education at the common schools of his native township, and when a young man came to Lorain county with his brother John Y. He took up his residence in Brighton township, where he worked as a farm hand at first-class wages, and after his marriage located on the old homestead in Orange township, Ashland county, then consisting of 153 acres, considerably encumbered, however, and here resided three years. In 1856 he again came to Brighton township, Lorain county, and worked as a hired man until 1859, saving money sufficient to buy the land where he now lives, and in 1860 he moved thereon. Here he has since carried on general farming, and built a new residence, barn, etc.; for some years he has also done a very profitable dairy business. In addition to all this Mr. Burge taught school during the winter months in various parts of Ohio —Lucas, Ashland, Huron and Lorain

counties—in all thirty-three terms, giving eminent satisfaction to all concerned; but he had to retire from the profession on account of impaired eyesight.

On October 17, 1852, Mr. Burge was married to Nancy Thompson, who was born February 13, 1836, in Wayne county, Ohio, daughter of William and Rachel (Kearnes) Thompson, and the children born to them are as follows: John V., a school teacher; Martha A., Mrs. John Burrows, of Brighton; Mary, Mrs. O. L. Rolfe, of Brighton; and Vernie, a school teacher, also of Brighton. Our subject is a prominent member of the Republican party, and has held various offices of trust in his township. In matters of religion he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is in all things remarkably temperate, and never drinks intoxicating liquors.

WALTER SMITH, a native-born agriculturist of Lorain county, was born September 5, 1843, in Penfield township, on the same farm which he now owns and resides upon.

Levi Smith, father of our subject, was born December 23, 1815, in Camden, Oneida Co., N. Y., son of Joel B. Smith, a cabinet maker, and was reared to farm life. During the winter season he attended the common schools, but he was actively engaged as well in farm work even in his early boyhood, when he was so small that he could not hold the plow handles, or yoke the oxen without standing on a box; and from the time he was sixteen years old he had charge of a small farm which his father owned. About 1836 he came to Lorain county, Ohio (the passage over Lake Erie being very rough), accompanied by his parents, who first located in Amherst and then in Penfield township. He remained with them until 1840, when he returned to his native county in New York, and there married Miss Harriet Johnson, an old schoolmate, who was born July 9, 1819, in Oneida county, N. Y., daughter of Russell Johnson, a farmer. Immediately after marriage the young couple set out for the home in Ohio, where they located on a tract of forty-six acres, all of which, with the exception of the riverland, was in the woods, and here erected the house our subject now resides in. Here were born to them two children, as follows: George, who enlisted August 9, 1862, at Cleveland, in Battery B, First Ohio Light Artillery, and died December 9, 1862, of typhoid fever, in Hospital No. 9, Nashville, Tenn., where he was buried in the National cemetery, the day before his father arrived; and Walter, who is the subject proper of this sketch. Mr. Smith was a lifelong farmer, and at the time of his death owned 228 acres of land, which property he had accumulated by hard work and good management, and he kept 500 head of sheep when wool sold at one dollar per pound.

Levi Smith was one of the best financiers of his time, and was a close observer of men and events. Politically he was originally a Whig, later a Republican, was a regular attendant at all elections, and served for many years as township trustee. He was very patriotic, and during the Civil war contributed much toward freeing the township from the draft. When about forty-five years of age he united with the M. E. Church, of which he remained a member until his death, which occurred March 6, 1884. After his decease his widow removed to Wellington, where she passed a retired life until her death, December 11, 1888, when she was buried by the side of her husband in Center cemetery. She was a member of the M. E. Church for over forty-five years.

Our subject obtained such an education as the common schools of his time afforded, meantime receiving his agricultural training on the home farm. On August 23, 1866, he married Alice M. Crane, also a native of Penfield township, and they had

two children, as follows: Blanche, now Mrs. E. M. Smith, of Cleveland, Ohio; and George, now a resident of California. The mother of these died in 1870, and in 1872 Mr. Smith married, for his second wife, Miss Sarah E. Pierce, who was born near Auburn, N. Y., daughter of James M. Pierce, who removed to Ohio in his later years. To this union came four children, namely: Guy E., Mary Etta, Harry H. and Levi. After his marriage Mr. Smith located in Penfield township, and worked the farm owned by his father, after whose death he moved to his present place, where, with the exception of two years passed in Wellington for the benefit of his children's education, he has since made his home. In politics he is a stanch member of the Republican party, and is well posted on the issues of the day. Mrs. Smith is a member of the M. E. Church.

J. C. SMITH, one of the most successful business men in Penfield township, was born April 9, 1827, in Camden, Oneida Co., New York.

Joel B. Smith, father of our subject, was born February 2, 1788, in Connecticut, and when a young man was bound out for six years to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner. He was married in Connecticut, on February 13, 1811, to Miss Harriet Bronson, who was born in that State January 1, 1791, and they shortly afterward removed to Oneida county, N. Y., locating in the town of Camden, where he worked steadily and industriously at his trade. He purchased property and owned a farm, and here children as follows were born to him: Myron B., born November 30, 1811, now of Lapeer, Mich. (he was at one time State surveyor of Michigan); Levi, born October 13, 1812, who died November 27, 1812; Sarah S., born March 6, 1814, who was married in New York State to Edward Ackley, and died June 6, 1839 (she was the second woman interred in Penfield cemetery); Levi, born December 23, 1815; Hervey P., who was a resident of Michigan many years ago, but left that State to locate some coal mines in Pennsylvania, and has never since been heard from; George L., a farmer, who died in Lapeer, Mich.; Harriet, who married William Hart, and died in Grafton; Hiram, a very successful lumberman, who died in Flint, Mich.; J. C., the subject of this sketch; and Henry, of Cleveland, Ohio.

During the winter of 1836-37 Joel B. Smith had come to Lorain county, Ohio, and passed a short time in Amherst township with his brother Isaac, who was a Methodist Episcopal minister, while there making some arrangements for the purchase of a farm, while the snow was on the ground. He next went to Michigan on a visit to his son Myron B., and then returned to his home in New York, in the spring of 1837 bringing his family to Lorain county. They came by way of the Erie Canal from Utica to Buffalo, N. Y., and thence by Lake to Cleveland; during their passage through the ice in the lake the paddle-wheel of the vessel was broken, but Joel Smith, being a carpenter, repaired it. Their progress was still very slow, however, three days and three nights being occupied in traveling twenty miles, but they finally landed at Black River (now Lorain), from which town they drove their own team to the home of Isaac Smith in Amherst township. By this time the snow had melted from the ground, and Mr. Smith, seeing that the land he had partially bargained for was stony, declined to take it, but hearing of a farm for sale in Penfield township he came hither and bought 150 acres at thirty dollars per acre, the place on which our subject now resides. The bottom-land on this tract had been partly cleared, but the rest was all in the woods, and here Mr. Smith resided until his death, from heart disease, on May 13, 1850. He was buried in Center cemetery, and his widow then

made her home with her son J. C. for seven years. She next went to Michigan, to live with her son Myron B., where she died in 1849; she was buried by the side of her husband. After coming west Mr. Smith followed his trade, and erected the residence on his own farm and various other buildings in the township. He was also able to make fine furniture and manufactured a number of coffins. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and the old musket he carried at Sacket's Harbor is still in the possession of our subject. He was a Republican in politics, formerly a Whig, and kept himself posted on the issues of the day.

Our subject attended the common schools of the neighborhood of his boyhood home up to the age of ten years, when he came with his parents to Ohio, at which time there was no schoolhouse in his district. Later, however, he attended a school one and a half miles south of his home, taught by J. B. Wilson, in the meantime being trained to agricultural pursuits on the home farm, where he remained until his marriage. On April 9, 1851, he was wedded to Miss Mary A. Knapp, a native of Penfield township, daughter of Schuble Knapp, an early pioneer of same, who was killed by the falling of a hollow log, which struck him on the head while he was building a smoke-house. Mrs. Mary A. Smith died March 3, 1852, leaving one child, Mary E., now Mrs. Charles Lang, of Penfield, and on April 24, 1853, Mr. Smith married Miss Minerva Starr, who was born November 6, 1827, in Harpersfield, Delaware Co., N. Y., daughter of Orrin and Abigail (Hickok) Starr, pioneers of Penfield township. To this union were born children as follows: Burton, of Grafton, Ohio, in the employ of the C. C. C. & St. L. R. R. Co.; Josephine M., now Mrs. William Mander, of Toledo, Ohio; Alonzo B., a farmer of Van Buren county, Mich.; and Marian, widow of Edward Worrell, of Port Clinton, Ohio. Mr. Smith has made farming his principal vocation in life, and for five years also engaged in droving, buying cattle throughout southern Ohio. For forty years he conducted a dairy, and for two years was also in the milling business at Grafton Station, having won success in all his business enterprises. During the season he makes maple syrup and molasses. Politically he is a lifelong Republican, but is not an aspirant for public office. He and his wife are both members of the M. E. Church, in which he has held various positions of trust.

C. B. CHAPMAN, a well-known early resident of Lorain county, is a son of James Chapman, who was reared in Lorain county. He married Elizabeth Bark, a native of Germany, who came to America at the age of fourteen, and they had six children, three of whom are now living, namely: C. B., Bird (clerk in a hardware store at Elyria, Ohio) and T. B. (editor of the Lorain *Times*). The father of this family followed sailing on the lakes for some time; he died in 1868. His widow is still living.

C. B. Chapman was born April 12, 1845, in Sheffield township, Lorain Co., Ohio. In 1849 he came to Lorain, where he received his education, and, in 1857, at the early age of eleven years, commenced sailing on the Lakes, a vocation in which he has ever since continued, being now captain of a tug-boat plying between Sandusky and Lorain. Mr. Chapman has also dealt in real estate; he owns two dwelling houses in Lorain besides his own, and has also several lots in the West End. He sold five acres in the southwestern part of the town.

In 1866 the Captain was married, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Mrs. Elizabeth Snider, a native of Germany, who in an early day came with her parents, Henry and Mary (Brown) Snider, also natives of Germany, to Lorain county, Ohio, where the father

died; her mother died in June, 1893, at the age of eighty-six years. Socially our subject is a member of the K. O. T. M., of the Excelsior Marine Benevolent Association, of Cleveland, of Black River Lodge No. 680, I. O. O. F., and of the Order of Rebekah. Politically he is an active member of the Republican party, and served one term as member of the town council his brother has also served in the same capacity. Mr. Chapman is a member of one of the early families of Lorain, and has watched her growth and progress from a village of 600 people to her present prosperous condition.

L. F. CLIFFORD, a leading and progressive farmer of Wellington township, is a native of same, born April 18, 1834, of German ancestry on the paternal side, his great-grandfather having come from Germany to America in time to serve in the Revolutionary war. He received a regular discharge from the army; his wife died December 9, 1844, aged ninety-three years.

John Clifford, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1777, in Providence, R. I. He married Miss Margaret Williamson, who bore him children as follows: John, Jr., born September 8, 1797, died December 25, 1857; Daniel, born February 7, 1799, died January 31, 1886 (he was the father of our subject); Luther L., born March 8, 1801, died March 12, 1864; Hannah, born July 15, 1803, died April 28, 1857; Theodocia, born May 15, 1805, died May 31, 1880; George W., born June 18, 1807, died September 28, 1861; Elijah, born March 13, 1810, died in July, 1880; Pollie M., born June 6, 1813, died July 1, 1849; Benjamin F., born January 19, 1816, died December 21, 1885; Harriet, born May 30, 1819, died December 5, 1869; and Adeline E., born in Ohio September 23, 1821, died September 2, 1841. The mother of these was born March 15, 1779, and died May 22, 1845.

In 1818 John Clifford, leaving his family behind, came west to Ohio in company with four others—Ephraim Wilcox, William Welling, Joseph Wilson and Charles Sweet—the entire journey being made with a horse and cutter. Having selected a suitable location for a settlement, on the banks of Wellington creek, about half a mile from where the town of Wellington now stands, Mr. Clifford returned east for his family, consisting of wife and ten children, and they all arrived safely at their new home in March, 1820. One week afterward they had cut the timber and erected a log house, covered it with shakes, chinked and "mudded" it, and laid the floor, ultimately finding themselves comfortably settled. This building also became the first schoolhouse, the first meeting house and the first tavern. It was the first point immigrants would reach as they entered the settlement, and its doors were always open to welcome new comers. There the first sermon was preached by Presiding Elder McMahon, a Methodist, and at that meeting Adam Poe received his license to preach. Mr. Clifford was proverbial for his industry and thrift. In addition to his labors in clearing land, cutting roads and raising crops, he plied his trade of shoemaker, for many years supplying the wants of his neighbors for many miles around, being the only shoemaker in the settlement. One daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford shortly after coming here, making the eleventh in the family. Mr. Clifford died September 17, 1869, after a few weeks' illness from cancer under the left arm; and at the time of his death there had been of his family of eleven children seventy-nine grandchildren, ninety-seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild—188 in all.

Daniel C. Clifford, father of the subject proper of this sketch, was born February 7, 1799, at Tyringham, Berkshire Co.,

Mass., and was, as will be seen, a young man of twenty-one when he arrived with the rest of the family in Wellington township, where all his life he followed farming. On March 13, 1825, he married Miss Sarah P. Hall, of Brecksville, Ohio, and twelve children were born to them, named as follows: Edward, Henry, Elvira, Jane, Christopher, Franklin, Andrew, Charles, Harriet, Adeline and Ageline (twins) and Francis, all yet living except two. On March 13, 1875, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Clifford celebrated their golden wedding, and there were present at the festival many of those who had attended the marriage half a century before. On January 31, 1886, within one week of his eighty-seventh birthday, Mr. Clifford was summoned to his long home. He had lived on the same farm sixty-six years, and "was a man of a remarkably vigorous frame, indomitable energy and independence of character, industrious, thrifty, provident, a fair type of the men who conquered the difficulties of pioneer life." He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Society of Wellington, but did not until shortly before his death sympathize with or appreciate modern innovations or recent methods. His widow survived him a little less than one year, dying January 23, 1887, at the age of eighty-four. She was a woman of remarkable energy and ability, and heroically braved the toils, dangers and privations of pioneer life. She possessed a cheerful, happy disposition, and "Aunt Sarah" (as she was familiarly called) was universally loved and respected.

L. F. Clifford, the subject proper of these lines, received his education at the subscription schools of Wellington township, Lorain county, his attendance there being confined to a few months in the winter seasons, the balance of the year being devoted to farming operations, in which he became remarkably successful. In 1866 he was united in marriage with Mrs. Alice Houghton Drake, and they have two children, viz.: Paul Carlton, born August 18, 1870, and educated at the high school of Wellington, and Robert Houghton, born December 28, 1872, who graduated at the high school of Wellington, and is now taking a four years' course in the "Case School of Applied Science," Cleveland, Ohio. In his political preferences Mr. Clifford is a Republican, and in matters of religion he is a member of the M. E. Church.

DANIEL TOLHURST, whose name is intimately associated with the agricultural interests of Lorain county, more particularly of Amherst township, is a native of the eastern part of the county of Kent, England, born March 18, 1836.

His father, John Tolhurst, was born in the same county in 1800, and was there married to Miss Mary Standen; in 1851 they emigrated with their family to the United States and to Ohio, settling on a farm in Amherst township. The father died in 1885; the mother is yet living, and makes her home with her son Daniel, who is the only survivor of her family of children. The voyage across the ocean took five weeks, while now it can be made in about that number of days. Daniel's fifteenth birthday was passed on the water. A particularly sad event on the trip was the death and burial at sea of an only sister, not quite two years old.

The subject of these lines was a youth of fifteen summers when he came to Lorain county, and has been a resident ever since of Amherst township, where he owns a well-cultivated farm of seventy-two acres. In 1861 he was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Standen, a native of England, and two children were born to them, both of whom died when young. This wife departed this life in 1865, and in 1866 Mr. Tolhurst married Miss Amelia Chapman, who was born in Michigan, and reared in Lorain county, Ohio. Four

children came to bless their union, viz.: Cora, deceased; Ward, born in October, 1871, who received a liberal commercial education at Oberlin, and lives on his father's farm; Mary, wife of Howard Walker, of Amherst township, and Arthur, attending school. In politics our subject is independent, invariably voting for the best men and most salutary measures, irrespective of party.

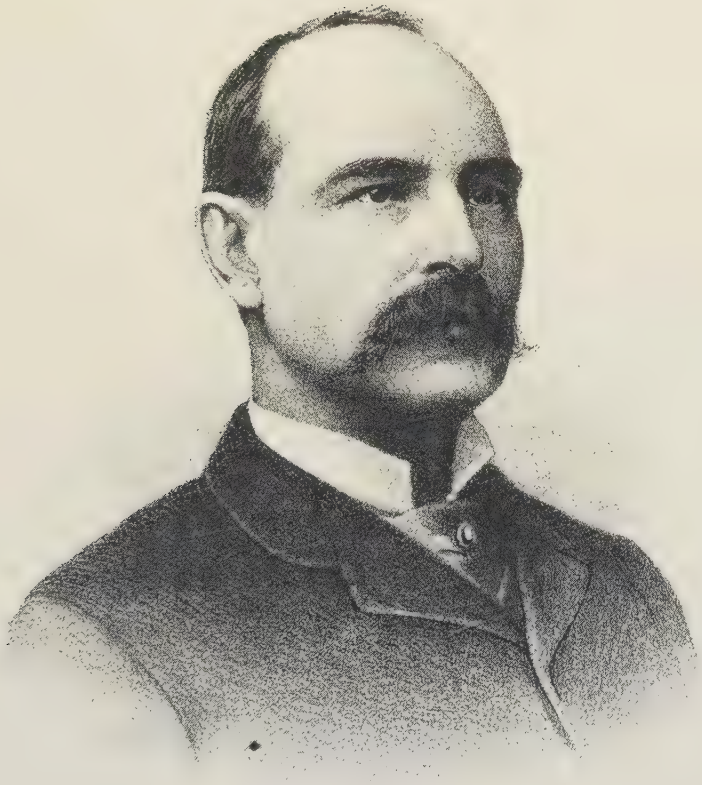
Mrs. Amelia Tolhurst is a daughter of William Henry and Jane (Sackett) Chapman, the former of whom was born in New York State in 1816, and died May 26, 1891. He lived in Michigan for a time, and was there married to Miss Jane Sackett, who was a resident of Lorain county. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, as follows: Celia, wife of Captain S. Gilmore, of Lorain county, Ohio; Amelia, wife of Daniel Tolhurst; Arthur, who was lost on the schooner "Clough," when aged twenty-six years; William, deceased in childhood; Ella, wife of Dr. Smith, of Olmsted Falls, Ohio; Cora and Alice, both of whom died young, and one that lived not beyond the days of infancy.

CHARLES A. FINLEY, prominent at one time among the general agriculturists, stock and dairy men of Lorain county, and now a leading capitalist of Camden, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., December 23, 1847, a son of Thomas A. Finley, a native of the District of Columbia, whose father was a sailor.

Thomas A. Finley received a good education, and on leaving school entered the U. S. Navy, in which he served some time. He was married, December 30, 1846, in Buffalo, N. Y., to Lucretia Spooner, who was born in Penobscot county, Maine. She died August 12, 1849, leaving one child, Charles A. The father then returned to the sea, and for a short time thereafter wrote home occasionally till all at once his letters ceased, and he has never been heard of since; he may be dead, but his fate is enshrouded in mystery.

Charles A. Finley, after the death of his mother, was taken to be reared under the care of his grandmother, Mrs. Lewis Spooner, whose husband died of cholera in 1849. With her Charles continued to live until he was six years of age, when he was placed in a boarding school at Buffalo, N. Y., and there remained until he reached the age of thirteen years, at which time he was bound out to Levi House, a farmer of Marilla township, Erie Co., N. Y., and with him remained till he was twenty years old, part of the time attending school. After this he obtained work on a farm, but did not remain long, as in 1867 he came to Ohio, locating in North Amherst, Lorain county, for a couple of years, still engaged in farm work. At the end of that time he moved into Wellington township, same county, working as a farm hand for S. D. Bacon, whose daughter, Euphemia, he married January 13, 1874. One son, Archer S., was born to them, but died in infancy, the mother following to the grave in January, 1875; her remains are interred in Wellington cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Finley married on March 8, 1877, Miss Emma O. Johnson, who was born in Greenwich township, Huron county, December 26, 1853, daughter of John and Betsy (Snyder) Johnson, who came to Brighton township, Lorain county, in 1860. To this union have been born two children: Mabel L. and Erwin E., both living at home.

In April, 1877, our subject came to Camden township, Lorain county, and bought 121 acres of land at forty-two dollars per acre, going in debt over four thousand dollars. For nine years he lived on this farm, engaged in agriculture, stock raising and dairying, and then moved into Kipton, for two years thereafter retaining his farm, which he then sold. In 1887 he started a broom factory, a new industry,



Charles A. Finley

which he successfully carried on two years, and then disposed of his interest in it. He has since been engaged in various enterprises, meeting in all his ventures with unqualified success. He is a shrewd dealer and a good financier, and is possessed of more than ordinary business qualifications, as his entire career amply testifies. He controls a considerable amount of capital, and much credit is due him for the manner in which he has accumulated property and wealth, and controlled what he has. A Democrat in politics, he has held several offices of trust in his township, for six years being trustee thereof. He is a member of the K. O. T. M., Tent No. 92, Kipton. Mrs. Finley is a member of the Baptist Church at Camden Center.

E. H. NICHOLL, druggist and pharmacist, was born October 10, 1867, at Brownhelm, Lorain county, the sixth child of James and Jane (Lawson) Nicholl.

When our subject was four years of age his parents moved to North Amherst, where he attended school and studied pharmacy. They are prominent representative citizens of that place, and the father, who has always been interested in the stone business, is now general superintendent of the Cleveland Stone Co. At the age of seventeen E. H. Nicholl went into partnership, in the drug business, with J. F. Uthe, who died two years later, when Mr. Nicholl continued alone in the business. Shortly afterward, owing to ill health, he took a trip through the southern States, returning greatly improved. He is an active member of the Ohio Pharmaceutical Association, and is licensed by that State.

In 1892 he married Miss Anna Miller, of North Amherst, and they have one child, Alson. Politically Mr. Nicholl is inclined toward the Democratic party, but does not take much interest in political affairs, as he spends the greater part of his time in study and in making his business a success. He is a member of the K. of P. and K. O. T. M. Lodges, and is one of the leading, progressive and enterprising young men of North Amherst. In the spring of 1892 he was elected member of the town council for a term of two years.

OEL DURKEE, JR., an enterprising, native-born farmer of Eaton township, was born December 2, 1844, a son of Oel and Betsy (Terry) Durkee, the former of whom was born in 1808 in New York State, the latter in 1809 in Vermont.

Oel Durkee, Sr., was reared in his native State, where he married Betsy Terry, and in 1832 they came westward to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in the woods of Eaton township, where they yet reside. They had a family of nine children (five of whom are still living), viz.: Mason, married, residing in Henry county, Ohio; Nancy, who was the wife of Josiah Lindley, of Henry county, Ohio, died in 1881; Cordelia, who married Nelson Cornwell, of Henry county, died in 1878; Hiram, who enlisted in 1861, in Company D, Twenty-third O. V. I., and served two years, was killed in the battle of Antietam; Pucis, deceased when eight or nine years old; Oel, Jr., mentioned farther on; Evaline, Mrs. Myers, residing in LaPorte, Ohio; Horace, married, residing in Grafton, Ohio; and Oscar, married, residing in Eaton township, Lorain county. The father of this family, though now over fourscore years of age, is still a strong, active man. He is a member of the Republican party, takes considerable interest in politics, and served for many years as trustee of Eaton township.

Oel Durkee, Jr., was reared in Eaton township, received his education in the common schools of same, and has devoted the greater part of his life to agriculture, engaging also in the manufacture of cheese. In 1861 he enlisted, for three years or during the war, in Company E, Forty-second O. V. I., and served with the army of the Cumberland. He participated in the engagements in Kentucky, siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, and New Orleans, was through the Red River campaign, and subsequently at Brownsville, Texas. In 1865 he was honorably discharged, at Columbus, Ohio, and immediately returned to Lorain county, where he resumed farm life. In December, 1866, he was united in marriage, in Eaton township, with Miss Emma Phillips, a native of same, daughter of Edwin and Betsy (Wilmott) Phillips; the father, a native of Vermont, who was an early settler in Eaton township, was drowned about 1857, while sailing on the "Henry Clay." His widow, who afterward remarried, died in Eaton township in 1891.

To Mr. and Mrs. Oel Durkee were born eight children (six of whom are yet living), viz.: May (deceased at the age of three years), Juna (deceased at the age of seventeen), Edward, Leo, Stella, Blanche, Elza and Flossie. Our subject owns a farm of eighty-three acres of good land, where he carries on general farming. In politics he is a Republican; socially he is a member of Richard Allen Post, G. A. R., Elyria.

R. E. HOLCOMB, farmer and stock raiser, and a popular citizen of LaGrange township, is a native of same, born September 28, 1840.

He is a son of Asal and Fannie (Hastings) Holcomb, the former of whom was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., son of Noah Holcomb. Asal Holcomb received an education in the common schools, and learned the carpenter's trade, having a natural aptitude for mechanical work. When a young man he came to Lorain county, Ohio, where he married Miss Fannie Hastings, up to which time he had been engaged in various kinds of labor. He then bought land in LaGrange township (the farm our subject now resides on), and here all their children were born, as follows: A. I., a farmer of LaGrange; R. E., subject of this sketch; Jeanette, Mrs. D. C. Nichols, of LaGrange; Wesley, who died young; and Fannie, Mrs. Edward Nichols, of Penfield, Ohio. Mrs. Holcomb died at the birth of her daughter Fannie, and was interred in East cemetery, and Mr. Holcomb subsequently married Miss Maria Hunter, of Richland county, Ohio. There were no children by this union. Mr. Holcomb was a lifelong agriculturist, and met with considerable success in his vocation, accumulating a comfortable competence. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion they were Christians—though not members of any Church. He passed from earth in 1867, and he and his wife lie buried in East cemetery.

R. E. Holcomb was educated first in the common schools, and later at select school, being a pupil of E. G. Johnson at LaGrange Center. He was trained to agricultural life, and remained on the home farm until his enlistment, September 5, 1861, at LaGrange, in Company B, First Ohio Artillery, with which he went to Camp Dennison, near Cincinnati. His first active service was at Wild Cat, Ky. (theirs being the first artillery discharged in Kentucky during the war), and subsequently he was in the battles of Mill Springs, Stone River, Lookout Mountain, Crawfish Springs, following his command through to the close of the war, during which time he was never obliged to be in hospital. He had studied while in camp, sending home for books, and thus preparing himself to teach, and after coming home to LaGrange he taught school three terms in that township. On December 10,

1868, Mr. Holcomb was married to Miss Margaret Henderside, who was born in Litchfield, Medina Co., Ohio, daughter of James Henderside, who came from Scotland. He then bought out the other heirs of the home place, being obliged to go into debt therefor, and here he has ever since been engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is a self-made man in every respect. In politics he is a Republican, and has served in various local positions, but is not an active partisan. Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb are the parents of the following children: Belle F., now Mrs. George Nichols, of LaGrange; and Bertie A., who is living at home.

J. H. REMINGTON, for over sixty years a resident of Lorain county, having been born here in 1828, comes of old Massachusetts stock, his parents —Henry J. and Matilda (Williams) Remington—being natives of that State.

In February, 1822, the parents set out for Ohio, with a yoke of oxen and one horse, and after a journey of six weeks arrived in Lorain county, and made a settlement in Pittsfield township. Chauncey Remington, brother of Henry J., accompanied them, and his wife, Mary (Williams), was the first white woman to enter Pittsfield township, where she died in 1823. In 1828 our subject's father moved to Amherst township, where he cleared a farm, but in 1836 he migrated to Steuben county, Ind., returning thence in 1839 to Amherst township, and passing the remainder of his days in the county, dying January 7, 1889. He was a lifelong Democrat, and filled several township offices; in church connection he was a Baptist. His wife died in Amherst township in 1881. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Fannie, born in Massachusetts, widow of O. D. Worden, of Grinnell, Iowa; H. W., born August 9, 1823, the first male white child born in Pittsfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, who now lives in Wood county, Wis.; Amanda, wife of Horace Steele, living in California; J. H., subject of sketch; Benedict Bliss, who died in Ashtabula county, Ohio, in 1885; Sarah Ann, deceased in infancy; and Lydia, who was married to William Kelley, of Kelley's Island, and died at the age of eighteen.

J. H. Remington was born in Amherst township, where he received his education and was reared, excepting for about three years which he passed in Steuben county, Ind. For his trade he learned carpentry, and in early manhood worked at same in Dane county, Wis. While there he enlisted, in 1861, in Company A, Eleventh Wisconsin Infantry, and was mustered into the service at Madison, the regiment being assigned to the Western Department. During the first winter they guarded prisoners at St. Louis, Mo., after which they were at the siege of Vicksburg, and the engagements at Magnolia Church and Port Gibson, whence they proceeded to Jackson, Miss., and then returned to Vicksburg. Our subject then came home on a thirty-days' furlough, after which he rejoined his regiment at New Orleans. In their second campaign they marched 215 miles, and they served in the campaign of western Tennessee and northern Mississippi, thence going to Mobile, Ft. Morgan and Ft. Blakeley, where Mr. Remington captured a revolver from a Confederate officer. After this the regiment was stationed at Brownsville, Texas, etc. At Mobile, Ala., our subject received his discharge in September, 1865, and returned to Madison, Wis., having seen over four years' hard service.

In 1852 Mr. Remington was united in marriage, in Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio, with Miss Maria Spencer, who was born in LaGrange, Lorain county, daughter of E. C. and Angeline (Rockwood) Spencer, natives of New York. Grandfather Asa Rockwood came to La-

Grange township in 1826, being one of the first settlers of the place. Mrs. Remington's father came to Lorain county in 1832, was married in 1833, and after some years moved to Henry county, Ohio, where he died in 1892; the mother had passed away in 1885. To our subject and wife were born seven children, namely: Frank, married and living in Pottawattamie county, Iowa; Ella, deceased at the age of one year; Addie, wife of L. L. Jackson, of Ashtabula, Ohio; Lydia, wife of A. A. Sharp, of Centerville, Kans., Willie and Lillie (twins), the former living at home, the latter married to G. R. Coleman, of Omaha, Neb., and Angie, at home. In politics Mr. Remington is an ardent Republican, and takes a live interest in the affairs of his county and township. He is a member of the Union Veteran League, quartermaster of Post No. 148 G. A. R., now serving his fifth term, and has been commander of the Post. Prior to coming to North Amherst, he followed farming in Lorain county. [Since the above was written, we have been informed of the death October 1, 1893, of Mr. Remington.—Ed.

THOMAS H. JONES. The land of the Cymri has given to America many of her most stalwart, loyal and honorable citizens, such as was the gentleman whose name here appears. He was born in Wales in 1843, a son of John and Maria (Monroe) Jones, also natives of that country, whence they came to the United States when our subject was a boy, making their new home in Cleveland, Ohio, where the father died; the mother is now living in Cuyahoga county, same State.

Our subject received his education in Cleveland, and October 6, 1862, he enlisted, in that city, in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth O. V. I., three years' service, or during the war. His regiment was attached to the army of the East, and participated in many bloody battles, among which may be mentioned Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Gettysburg, Wilderness and Atlanta. On July 9, 1865, Mr. Jones was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tenn., and returned home to Cleveland, where he continued to reside until 1870, when he came to Lorain, Lorain county, with which thriving town he was closely identified up to his death, which occurred April 4, 1891.

Thomas H. Jones and Miss Augusta M. Lampman were united in marriage in 1868. She is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, a daughter of Mark and Elizabeth (Churchill) Lampman, of New York and Connecticut, respectively. Her father was a sailor, then a hotel and store keeper, later custom-house officer for over twenty years at Lorain, and he is yet remembered as one of the early merchants of Lorain county. He served in the war of 1812. He died in July, 1885, his wife surviving him till August, 1892. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Jones were born two children: Mark, sketch of whom follows, and Gussie. Mr. Jones was for some time engaged in the real-estate business, and at the time of his death was collector for the Port of Lorain. Politically he was a Republican, and he was a member of the Protected Home Circle. His grandfather, Stephen Churchill, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

MARK JONES, who for the past two years has been in the employ of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroad, as time-keeper, is a native of Lorain, born June 10, 1869, a son of T. H. Jones. Our subject was reared in his native city, receiving his education in the public schools of same. He was for some time in the employ of the Cleveland Paper Company, and later studied stenography in Chicago, after

which he became bookkeeper in a foundry at Lorain, and has held his present position since March 9, 1891. On July 14, 1891, Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Miss Rowena Moore, who was born in Lorain, Lorain county, daughter of Captain Truman Moore; her parents reside in Lorain. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the M. E. Church, in which he holds the office of trustee.

F. H. BACON. This gentleman, who for many years has been recognized as a leader among the leading business men of Lorain county, is a native of same, born in Brownhelm township, March 13, 1840.

Benjamin Bacon, father of subject, was a native of Massachusetts, born in Old Stockbridge, whence in 1818 he came to Ohio, locating in Brownhelm township, Lorain county. He made the entire journey with a one-horse wagon, and had but four dollars in money when he arrived in Brownhelm. He made his settlement where William Bacon now lives, having bought wild land from one William Brown. In 1820 he erected a mill at what is known as "Mill Hollow," on the Vermillion river, and about 1835 enlarged it from a one-burr to a four-burr capacity. Ten years later he equipped it with modern improvements. He was twice married, his second wife (mother of the subject of this sketch) being Miss Anna W. Wells, a native of West Hartford, Connecticut.

F. H. Bacon, whose name opens this sketch, received his education in the district schools of Brownhelm township, and at Norwalk High School, after which he commenced the milling business with his father. In this he continued until 1860, when he engaged in shipping grain to various points. On May 13, 1861, he joined, as first lieutenant, Company K, Twenty-third O. V. I., which was assigned to the army of the West, and he participated in the battles of Bull Run, South Mountain and Antietam, after which the regiment returned to West Virginia. In January, 1864, he resigned his commission, and returned to Lorain county, once more engaging in the milling and shipping business. In 1873 he sold the mill; in 1879 rebought it; in 1882 rebuilt it, putting in rollers and making it a 150-barrel mill; in 1892 again sold, but now (1893) once more owns it. This is the same mill, in Brownhelm township, which his father had built and enlarged. For some years he has had large interests in southern Indiana—800 acres of the best coal and grain land.

In 1860 F. H. Bacon and Miss Abbie S. Wells were united in marriage. She was a daughter of George and Maria B. (Butler) Wells, who came from Connecticut to Brownhelm township, Lorain county, about the year 1821, and here passed the rest of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Bacon were born eight children, as follows: Sarah, assisting her father in the office, as amanuensis, etc., and who is considered one of the best all-round business women in Ohio; Anna, who died in 1883 at the age of sixteen; De Wight, Martha W., Melvin S., Lewis C., Charles and Julia W. The mother was called to her long home in 1882. Mr. Bacon is a member of Rice Post, G. A. R., at North Amherst, and is a Republican. In thoughts and acts he is thoroughly metropolitan, perfectly familiar with Boards of Trade and other business interests, in all parts of the country. He is now managing two mills of 150-barrels capacity each, and is largely engaged in farming and shipping stock.

J. C. BIGGS. England has given to the United States many stalwart and loyal citizens, plodding and industrious in time of peace, and courageous and resolute in the fight for liberty

and right. Such an one is the subject of this sketch, who is recognized as a "typical fighting common soldier." He is of medium height, very hardy and muscular, the dogged determination peculiar to the Briton, being, perhaps, his strongest characteristic.

Mr. Biggs was born in Northamptonshire, England, in 1839, a son of Thomas and Frances (Paxton) Biggs, the former of whom carried on farming in Pittsfield township, this county, south of Elyria. Here the parents passed the remainder of their days, the father dying in 1876 at the age of fifty-nine years, the mother in 1889, aged sixty-eight years. They had a family of six sons and one daughter, our subject being the eldest, and the only one born in England; the youngest son now owns the old homestead.

J. C. Biggs, the subject proper of this memoir, was but a boy when his parents brought him to America, and to Pittsfield township, Lorain county, at the common schools of which he received a liberal education. He also attended for a time the high school, and while a student there the war of the Rebellion broke out, which turned his attention from the schoolroom to the field of Mars. On April 18, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Eighth O. V. I., Capt. E. G. Johnson, which was the first company to go out from the county. He served four years, ten months, fifteen days in the army of the Potomac, Hancock's corps, and participated in the following battles: Winchester, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, besides numerous minor engagements. At Gettysburg (his last battle) he was severely wounded in the arm, which necessitated his confinement to hospital for six months. He then reëntered the service, enlisting this time in Company K, Ninth Regiment Hancock's Veteran Corps, in which he served till March 3, 1866, at which date he was mustered out at Washington, D. C., having served a much longer period in the army than most of his comrades. Returning home to the pursuits of peace, he followed farming for a few years; then embarked in the newspaper agency business in Elyria, and has had the sale of the leading newspapers for over fifteen years. He now disposes of about 400 papers per day, and is agent for twenty-three dailies. Mr. Biggs was married March 3, 1869, to Emma Clark, also a native of England, and five children have come to bless their home: Clark, Elsworth, Norris, Harry and Edith. Our subject is a Republican and an Episcopalian. He is a vice-commander in the G. A. R., and is a member of the Union Veteran Legion, No. 44, Elyria, Ohio, of which he is colonel and presiding officer, and in which he has served as officer of the day, past commander and in other prominent positions. He is also a member of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, and was the only member of it from the State of Ohio to attend the reunion held in Scranton, Penn., in June, 1892.

HENRY F. BEESE, one of the enterprising proprietors of the far-famed "Boston Store," in Lorain, is a native of Elyria, born September 19, 1867.

His father, Frederick Beese, was born in 1825, in Germany, where he married Miss Mary Stark, also a native of Germany, born in 1827. In 1856 they immigrated to the United States, and, settling in Elyria same year, have here since resided. They are the parents of five children, of whom Henry F. is the youngest. Frederick Beese was a private in Company G, One Hundred and Seventh Regiment O. V. I., serving three years.

Until the age of fourteen the subject of this sketch was educated in the German Lutheran School at Elyria, afterward attending the public schools of the same place some three and one-half years. On

completion of his literary education Mr. Beese entered the employ of Straus & Kupfer, dry-goods merchants, and was engaged in the same store until September 1, 1892, during which time it changed hands three times: first to M. Straus; then to Biggs, Bowen & Co., and lastly to Geo. T. Biggs & Co. In the fall of 1892, in company with Max Morehouse and William E. Carter, Mr. Beese opened out a dry-goods store in the new "Smith Block," Lorain, occupying the first floor and basement, the dimensions of the large store room being 40 x 80 feet, and here with characteristic push and energy, close attention to business, they have since conducted a thriving trade. Politically Mr. Beese is a Democrat; socially he is a member of the Sons of Veterans and Knights of Pythias.

MILAN CONE (deceased). Roger Cone, the father of this gentleman, was born August 17, 1803, in Berkshire county, Mass., son of Frederick Cone, and in his early manhood learned the millwright's trade. He was married to Emeline Brown, who was born April 21, 1803, in Tyringham, Berkshire Co., Mass., daughter of Lyman Brown, and while in Massachusetts two children were born to this union, namely: Marshall, a farmer, who died in 1870 in Penfield, Ohio; and Mary, who resides in Wellington, Ohio.

In 1843 Roger Cone came west to Charlestown, Portage Co., Ohio, driving the entire distance with a covered one-horse wagon, and *en route* stopping at various places in New York and other States. He remained in Portage county one year, and in 1844 removed to Penfield township, Lorain county, locating on the farm where he passed the remainder of his life, and which he purchased at sheriff's sale at nine dollars per acre; it was formerly the property of an early settler, Dr. Hall, who had met with reverses, losing his sawmill and other property. Here Mr. Cone erected a residence, which is still standing. After coming to Ohio, the following members were added to the family: Mercy, now the wife of David Peters, of Wellington, Ohio, who has one child, Lavina; Merritt, who died in 1853, and Milan, whose name opens this sketch. The father of these was a systematic agriculturist, and took great interest in the neatness of his farm and surroundings. He was very successful, and at the time of his death was the owner of 252 acres of excellent land. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, though not an active politician, and in religious connection he and his wife were both members of the M. E. Church at Penfield. He passed from earth March 11, 1884, preceded to the grave by his wife March 12, 1876, and they now lie buried in Penfield cemetery.

Milan Cone, the subject proper of this sketch, was born April 4, 1848, on the farm in Penfield township where he passed his entire life. He obtained his elementary education in the common schools of the neighborhood, and this was afterward supplemented with a short term of study in a school in Delaware, Ohio. On December 25, 1871, he was united in marriage, by Rev. A. Pollock, with Miss Esther Drake, who was born November 20, 1851, in the town of Ames, Montgomery Co., N. Y., daughter of David and Julia (Alger) Drake, who came to Ohio in 1862, locating first in Harrisville township, Medina county, and later in Penfield township, Lorain county. After marriage our subject located on the home farm, living in a small house near the family residence, whither he removed after the death of his father. To the union of Milan and Esther Cone were born children as follows: Letha E., bookkeeper for a wholesale house at Chicago, Ill.; Kate W., attending school at Penfield; Mercy A., and Fred M.; all living. Mr. Cone engaged chiefly

in the breeding of fine cattle, especially Jerseys, and was a most excellent judge of stock. In politics he was a leader in the Democratic party in his section. He died January 19, 1892, of consumption, after a lingering illness, and was buried in Penfield cemetery. Since his decease his widow has had charge of the farm, in the management of which she has shown considerable ability. She is a member of the Methodist Church at Penfield Center, and is highly respected in the community.

SAMUEL NAYLOR, one of the most extensive landholders and wealthiest farmers of Penfield township, is a native of Pennsylvania, born February 27, 1823, in Carlisle, Cumberland county.

He is a son of Samuel Naylor, who was born in what was then known as Little York, Penn., a son of Jacob Naylor, who was a farmer and a distiller. Our subject's father was reared on a farm, and when a young man followed teaming, hauling whiskey from his father's and other distilleries to Baltimore, Md., where was found the best market for that commodity. In those days it took six horses to haul thirty barrels of whiskey. Samuel Naylor, Sr., was married in Cumberland county to Elizabeth Uhler, a native of that county, born of German ancestry. After marriage the young couple located on a small farm in Cumberland county, which he rented. In Pennsylvania children, as follows, were born to them: Mary, now the widow of Amos Fritz, residing at Medina, Ohio; Samuel, our subject; Benjamin K., a farmer and blacksmith, now of Lucas county, Ohio; Jacob, a farmer of Spencer, Ohio; and Rebecca, Mrs. W. W. Hutchisson, of Wood county, Ohio. In the fall of 1829 the family came to Ohio over the Alleghany Mountains in a covered two-horse wagon, bringing with them considerable household effects, including their bedding, which they found of the greatest use on their two weeks' wearisome journey. Mr. Naylor, the father, had previously visited Ohio, and in Guilford township, Medina county, had selected land then looked after by Judge Heman Ely, of Elyria, Lorain county. On the occasion of that visit Mr. Naylor had hired a man to build a log house for the convenience of the family when they should arrive, but they found it in such an unfinished state that they had to rent another cabin in the neighborhood, wherein to pass the winter. In the meantime their own was made habitable, and in the following spring they moved into it. While the family were en route, one child, named Eliza, was born at Lancaster, Penn., which interesting event delayed them three days. In Medina county the family were further increased by four, to wit: John, who died at the age of twenty-one; William, of Wood county, Ohio, who served in the Civil war; Sarah, deceased; and Henry, of Wood county. On this farm in Medina county the mother of these children passed from earth, and the father then moved into the village of Seville, same county, having purchased in the vicinity a farm of thirty acres, and also a residence in the village. In Guilford township he married, for his second wife, Miss Harriet Sheldon, and one child was born to this union, Harriet, now Mrs. James Ross, at the frontier teaching Indians. Mr. Naylor died at the age of seventy-three years, and lies buried in the Lutheran cemetery, Guilford township. Politically, he was originally a Whig, and after the formation of the party was a stanch Republican. He had traveled all through the Southern States, and, from observations he made during his visit, predicted the Civil war many years before it broke out.

Samuel Naylor, the subject proper of this sketch, received but a limited education at the common schools of Guilford

Samuel Naylor.

township, Medina county, as in early boyhood he was put to work to help clear his father's farm of heavy timber and undergrowth, and in reality he was able to do a man's work while yet a boy. Besides working at home he hired out to different parties to make shingles, at which he became very expert, being able to turn out in a single day one thousand shingles, 28 inches long by 6 wide. Up to the time of his marriage he lived at home, and turned all his earnings over to his father. In August, 1845, Mr. Naylor was married in Guilford township, Medina county, to Barbara Long, who was born in September, 1824, near Toronto, Canada, a daughter of John Long, a farmer of Wadsworth township, Medina county, and for a time thereafter the young couple made their home with Mr. Long. Our subject then rented land in Litchfield township, same county, where he lived for three or four years, after which he came to Penfield township, Lorain county, where he bought 107 acres of wild land at six dollars per acre. At that time not a road led to the spot, and he had to cut his way through as he came along. The first thing he did was to erect a cabin, and then commenced to make a clearing for purposes of cultivation. This land he bought entirely on credit, and with but a rude equipment of farming implements he heroically set to work to convert the almost impenetrable forest into smiling fields of grain, and the land was soon all paid for.

The record of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Naylor is as follows: Jacob, who enlisted in the Civil war before he was seventeen years old, died at Camp Dennison while in the service; Henry died young; Elizabeth is Mrs. Stewart Long, of Penfield; Rebecca is the deceased wife of Andrew Sigourney; Harriet A. lives at home; Lany E. died at the age of seven years; Emma (Mrs. William Bradstock) lives in Penfield; Mary died when seventeen years old; Harvey G., a farmer, is living in Spencer, Ohio; and Dora (Mrs. Lemuel Hower) also lives in Spencer. The mother died January 7, 1874, and was buried at Spencer, Medina county. She was a member of the United Brethren Church. For his second wife Mr. Naylor wedded Miss Nancy E. Yocom, who died in 1882 leaving no issue; she is buried in Congress, Wayne Co., Ohio. In politics our subject is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant to office, his own affairs demanding and receiving his undivided attention. He now owns about 400 acres of superior farming land, on which in 1892 he erected a fine modern residence. He is a leader in educational matters, and in an early day was a prime mover in the formation of the school district in his section, he and his brother Jacob contributing the land where the first school building stood in their section. For several years Mr. Naylor has been a consistent member of the United Brethren Church.

CHARLES BEAVER, a prominent, representative agriculturist of Eaton township, was born in Monroe county, N. Y., in 1828, a son of William and Rebecca (Matthews) Beaver, natives of Long Island and Genesee county, New York.

About the year 1841 the parents of our subject came to Lorain county, first locating in LaGrange township, afterward moving to Eaton township, where they continued in agricultural pursuits, which had been their life work. The father died in Grafton in 1878, the mother in Adrian, Mich., in 1892. They reared a family of nine, of whom seven are yet living, as follows: Benjamin, a farmer of Lenawee county, Mich.; James, a farmer of LaGrange township; Charles; Edward, a carpenter, residing in LaGrange township; Catherine, wife of S. C. M. Hardy, of Monroe county, N. Y.; Alice, wife of C. Jennings, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Susan, wife of S. W. Sharp, of Adrian, Michigan.

Charles Beaver received a liberal education at the schools of his native place, and was brought up a farmer's boy. At the age of thirteen he came with his parents to LaGrange township, Lorain county, and from there moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., where he engaged in the livery business. In 1862 he enlisted in Company I, Fifth Michigan Cavalry, for three years, and was assigned to the army of the Potomac. He participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Second Bull Run (where he received a gun-shot wound in the right hand) and Strasburg, after which he was detailed as wagon master on a wagon train. He was honorably discharged at Detroit, Mich., July 3, 1865, and returned to the pursuits of peace in Lorain county. In September, same year, he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Felt, a native of Lorain county, Ohio, daughter of Voman and Julia (Peck) Felt, natives of Vermont and early settlers of Lorain county; the father died in 1872, the mother is still living, now at the advanced age of ninety years. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beaver were born three children: George; Nora, wife of Bernard Worthington, of LaPorte (they have two children); and Natha. Politically our subject is a zealous Republican; socially he is a member of Richard Allen Post, G. A. R., Elyria.

THOMAS KING, than whom no one is better known as an agriculturist and breeder of fine stock in Lorain county, is a native of Massachusetts, born November 25, 1828, in Taunton, where he resided until twelve years of age. He then removed with his parents to Columbiana county, Ohio; thence to Eaton, Lorain Co., Ohio. He received a common-school education, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. Farming has been his life work. He has made a specialty of rearing Cotswold sheep and Holstein cattle, which have frequently taken prizes at county fairs.

On March 7, 1871, Mr. King was married at Niagara Falls to Harriet Van-Wagnen, of Eaton, Lorain Co., Ohio, daughter of G. H. Van Wagnen. The following named seven children have been born to them: Eva, Grace, Myrtle, Minnie, Clara, Richard, and Nellie.

Mr. King is owner of a farm of one hundred and ninety-two acres, all in a good state of cultivation. He is interested in politics and votes the Republican ticket; has been township trustee three terms, and is a member of the school board.

Richard King, father of the above, was born in Leicestershire, England, in 1796, and was there married to Elizabeth Ball, of the same town. In 1826 they moved to Taunton, Mass. Mr. King was engaged in the Taunton print works until 1840, and then moved to East Liverpool, Columbiana Co., Ohio. In 1841 he came with his family to Eaton, Lorain county, at that time an uncultivated forest tract. Here he set to work with a will, and with the assistance of his older children soon cleared a fine farm. He was one of the first in the settlement to build a brick kiln and sell brick to other pioneers. He died at the age of ninety-two, and his wife at eighty-two. In his political predilections he was an anti-slavery Whig until the formation of the Republican party, when he enrolled himself under its banner. Ten children were born to this honored couple, four of whom died in childhood. The following is a record of the six remaining:

The first, George W., was born in 1822; went to Galena, Ill., thence to Clark county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, where he married. He was admitted to the bar in Wisconsin; was prosecuting attorney in Clark county, and represented same in the State Legislature. Later he engaged extensively in the lumber business, but sustained serious reverses in the

panic of 1873. Being in Idaho at the time that Territory was admitted as a State, he was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. He now resides in Colorado, where he is interested in mining, and is widely known as a political speaker and writer on free silver. He has three children, one of whom, George R., served for two years in the Fourteenth Wisconsin Regiment.

The second, Myra, was born in 1825, and married Charles H. Merrick who served for three years in the Eighth O. V. I. She studied medicine, graduating in 1852 from the Eclectic Medical College of Rochester, N. Y. Later she adopted Homeopathy, becoming a member of the American Institute. She was the first woman physician in Ohio. From 1852 to 1892 she practiced in Cleveland, having an extensive and very lucrative business. She was actively connected with college, hospital and dispensary work. She has now retired and lives in Cleveland with her only child, Richard L. Merrick, a mechanic and contractor. He married Eliza Johnson, daughter of A. C. Johnson, of Huron county, Ohio. She is a physician, a graduate of Oberlin and of the Homeopathic Medical College of Cleveland, and now a professor in the Cleveland Medical College.

The third, Thomas, is the subject of this memoir.

The fourth, John, born 1830, married in 1860, and moved to Clark county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming and lumbering. He enlisted in 1862 for three years, in the Fourteenth Wisconsin Infantry, and served with the army of the West in Louisiana; was honorably discharged in 1865 at the close of the war. He died in 1886 in Clark county, Wisconsin, leaving widow and six children.

The fifth, Elizabeth, born in 1836, was married in 1863 to Alfred Fauver on his return from the war. He had received a very severe wound at the battle of Winchester. They are now living at Oberlin, educating five of their children. The eldest son, Lester, is City Civil Engineer of Lorain county, Ohio.

The sixth, Sara Ellen, was born in 1840. She became the wife of Capt. John Booth, who was a soldier, serving in the One Hundred and Third O. V. I. They now live on the Booth homestead in Carlisle township. Mrs. Booth is an active church worker. They have three children, one of whom is being educated at Oberlin.

The King family has been intimately and honorably connected with the history of the county in its war record, its anti-slavery, temperance, and educational sentiment, and in all that makes for good citizenship.

GEORGE BATTLE, who from infancy, with the exception of five years, has been a resident of Wellington township, is an agriculturist of no small prominence. He is a native of Massachusetts, born in Great Barrington, Berkshire county, October 5, 1823.

Ithel Battle, his father, also a native of Massachusetts, a farmer by vocation, married Miss Sarah Smith, and when our subject was some six months old they came west to Ohio, traveling with a two-horse wagon. They settled in Wellington township, Lorain county, where the father carried on agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death. He died in May, 1869, when he was seventy-seven years old; his wife passed away in October, same year, aged seventy-two years. They were honored people of the Old-school Presbyterian persuasion, industrious and frugal in their habits; politically the father was a Republican at the time of his death, originally a Whig, and he was a very robust, erect man, even in his old age. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Smith, was from Orange county, N. Y., and when he was twenty years old he (Mr. Battle) visited his grandmother there.

George Battle, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared on the farm he now owns and resides on, and attended the district schools during the winter months for a few seasons. For some five years he resided in Brighton township, then six years in the village of Wellington, and finally on his present farm of 112 acres of prime land. He also at one time owned land in Hardin county, Ohio. In 1850 he married Miss Arvilla Dyar, who was reared in Hanover, Ind., and two children have been born to them: Viola, and Durell, who married a Miss Johnson, by whom he has five children, namely: George C., Darwin Blake, Clyde, Carl and Bernice L. Politically Mr. Battle is a stanch Republican, and was a strong Abolitionist and Union man at the time of the Civil war.

CALVIN SAGE, insurance agent, Wellington, is one of the leading, pushing business men of the town. He is a native of Lorain county, born in Huntington township, October 15, 1837, and comes of long-lived ancestry, his grandparents having reached patriarchal ages, the grandmother being over one hundred years old at the time of her death.

Martin L. Sage, father of our subject, was born in Torrington, Conn., and came as a pioneer to Lorain county, Ohio, building the first frame house put up in Huntington township, and becoming a successful farmer. In Connecticut he had married Miss Hulda Sanford, by whom he had four children, namely: Luther, born in Connecticut, and now about sixty-five years of age, who is living a retired life with his children in Minneapolis, Minn.; Orrin, who passed all his life in Lorain county, where he died; Ellen, wife of James A. Newton, of Brunswick, Medina Co., Ohio; and Calvin, our subject. The father died at Huntington Center in 1860, at the age of sixty-four; the mother, born near Torrington, Conn., died in 1888, aged eighty-eight years.

Calvin Sage, whose name opens this sketch, received his education at the graded schools of his native township, was reared on the home farm, and learned the trade of harness maker. In 1861 he enlisted, in the first call for three years' volunteers, in Company H, Second Ohio Cavalry, which was attached to the army of the Frontier during the first year; half of the following year in the Western Department, during which it participated in several skirmishes, including the fight at Lone Jack and other points. In the streets of Independence, Mo., February 22, 1862, it had a short, sharp and decisive fight with Quantrell's Cavalry, in which the latter was routed in fifteen minutes, and for several months thereafter they followed him up. The regiment was then ordered back to Columbus, Ohio, and recruited at Fort Smith, Fort Leavenworth and Fort Scott, after which it took part in Burnside's campaign, including the siege of Knoxville, where they lay six months. Mr. Sage was on detailed service a considerable part of the time, and for the last six months of his term of enlistment was in the quartermaster's department. At the close of his service he received an honorable discharge, and returned home to the pursuits of peace, which was at the time of the assassination of Lincoln. For fifteen years thereafter he was with Horr, Warner & Co., Wellington, Lorain county, and on leaving this he took up his present insurance business, in which he has met with well-merited success.

In 1858 Mr. Sage married Miss Cerrintha Chamberlain, who was born in Portage county, Ohio, in 1836, and three children were the result of this union, viz.: Walter, a partner with his father in the insurance business, and representing, as traveling agent throughout Ohio, the German-American Insurance Company (he is owner of a

ranch in California); Florence, who died at the age of fourteen; and Emily C., stenographer in her father's office. Politically Mr. Sage is a Republican; socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., Blue Lodge and Chapter, and of the G. A. R. Post at Wellington.

L. H. WADSWORTH, a prominent young business man of the county, was born in 1864 at Rochester, Ohio, and is descended from an old Massachusetts family.

He passed his boyhood at Wellington, Ohio, received a primary education there, and then was enrolled as a student of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. Subsequently he entered the Law Department of that University, graduating with the law class of 1882. He did not pursue his law studies with any intention of making it his professsion, but rather as a matter tending to mental discipline. Some short time after completing this liberal education, he established himself in business at Wellington, Lorain county, where he carried on a large and successful business until 1885. In that year he removed to Greenwich, established his lumber yard and planing-mill, and engaged in the business of contractor and builder. At the death of his father he removed to Wellington, and during the period of one year was manager of the estate. At the end of that time he purchased the lumber plant at Wellington, and is now running it for himself, having sold out at Greenwich, and Wellington will probably be his home in the future.

As a business man Mr. Wadsworth exemplifies the true value of such a college training as that which he received. Not only does he attend to his own affairs closely, but also to the public affairs of his town, which are studied by him. He is justly accepted as a leader in all movements, the object of which is the improvement of the town or the better government of the township and county. His personal interest in the welfare of his town cannot be questioned. A large employer of labor, having sixty-eight men on his pay-roll, and transacting an extensive business, it is but natural that municipal affairs should claim a good deal of his thought. The yards are well stocked with standard lumber, shingle and lath, while the planing-mill is thoroughly equipped with modern machinery. The enterprise of this young business man is well known.

Mr. Wadsworth's marriage with Miss Mary E. Trinter, took place at Vermillion, Ohio, October 14, 1885, and to this union one child, William Luther W., was born. Mr. Wadsworth is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and K. T.; of the I. O. O. F., and of the National Union, in all of which organizations he is popular.

CLARENCE G. WASHBURN, a rising young attorney at law of Lorain, is a native of Ohio, born February 19, 1867, in Huron county, a son of Henry C. and Charlotte (Griffin) Washburn, who came to Huron county, Ohio, from the State of New York.

Clarence G. Washburn received his literary training at the schools of Greenwich, in his native county, and on completing his studies became a traveling man, his business taking him over as many as seventeen States, besides Canada and the Indian Territory. In 1887 he gave up traveling, and proceeding to Kansas served as deputy postmaster at Wendell, a town near Kinsley. Returning to Ohio, he there for a year carried on a boot and shoe store, in both New London and Plymouth, for a Cleveland firm, conducting a safe and profitable business. Mr. Washburn then studied law a year and a half, in Green-

wich, Huron county, under the preceptorship of T. K. Strimple, after which he took a law course at Ann Arbor, Mich., which he completed June 30, 1892, after having commenced the practice of his chosen profession in Lorain April 10, 1892. He is also a member of the real-estate firm of Buell, Washburn & Co., in the same town. In his political predilections he is a liberal Republican; socially he has been a member of the I. O. O. F. since twenty-one years of age.

JOHN DUNNING, who for many years has successfully conducted a general farming and grape-growing business in Avon township, has been a resident of same since October, 1838. He was born in 1830 in County Down, Ireland, and when eight years of age came to America with his parents, Alexander and Margaret (Smith) Dunning, also natives of County Down.

Immediately after their arrival in the United States they proceeded to Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio, settling in the woods on the farm now occupied by our subject, and here passed the remainder of their lives. The father died in 1878, the mother in 1862. They had a family of six children, as follows: David, married, who first resided in Avon township, thence moving to Michigan and later to Kansas, where he died; Catherine, who married Charles Ketcham, of Avon township, where she died in 1869; Elizabeth, wife of Wolcott Mitchell, of Avon township; Jane, Mrs. William Lucas, who died January 25, 1853; John, the subject of this sketch; and Alexander, who died November 19, 1852.

John Dunning, whose name appears at the opening of this sketch, received his education in the common schools of Avon township, and in his early youth aided in clearing the pioneer farm, also learning the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed for many years. In 1855 he was united in marriage, in Avon township, to Miss Mahala Moore, who was born in Essex county, N. Y., daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Sheldon) Moore, natives, respectively, of Massachusetts and New York, in which latter State they were married. In 1846 they came west to Lorain county, Ohio, locating on the lake shore in Avon township, thence removing in 1864 to Wisconsin, where they both died. They had the following children: Orlena, wife of Charles Jarvis, of Lorain; Mahala, Mrs. Dunning; Ransom, of Waupaca county, Wis.; and Dwight, married, who resides in Minnesota.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dunning have been born eleven children, seven of whom are now living, namely: Alfred and Ernest, both married, and living in Avon township; Eva, wife of Frank Masten, of Rochester township, Lorain county; Edson, a resident of Avon township; Bertha, wife of Floyd Crandall, of Huntington, Ind.; Allen, also in Huntington, Ind.; and Carl, residing at home. Those deceased are Harriet Augusta, who died when eighteen months old; Rose May, who died at the age of seven years, four months; a twin of Rose May, deceased in infancy; and May, a twin sister of Ernest, who died in infancy. Mr. Dunning is actively engaged in general farming, and owns a nice farm of 100 acres in a good state of cultivation, fourteen acres of which are devoted exclusively to the culture of grapes. Politically, our subject is a Republican, and in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church at French Creek.

ERNEST S. JACKSON, county surveyor for Lorain county, having his residence in Elyria, was born July 24, 1861, in Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio.

His father, Ezra S. Jackson, born in 1816, in New York State, came to Ohio in 1834, settling in Avon township, where he has since remained, with the exception of a three-years' residence in Oberlin, where he was educating his children. He married Miss Cordelia Moon, who was born in Avon township, Lorain county, in 1826, and children as follows were born to them: Lillie, wife of H. A. Kinney, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Jennie, wife of R. E. Loveland, of Freeport, Ill.; Lena, at home; and Ernest S. The parents are yet living, hale and hearty, in Avon township; they are members of the Methodist Church, and in politics Mr. Jackson is a Republican.

Ernest S. Jackson, whose name opens this sketch, received a liberal education at the common schools of the vicinity of his place of birth, and he developed a natural talent for mathematics. He was reared on his father's farm, but in youth turned his attention to civil engineering, making a study of the practical part of the profession at Akron, Ohio, and he did his first surveying work in Lorain county. In November, 1892, he was elected, on the Republican ticket, county surveyor of Lorain county, a position he fills with eminent ability and the utmost satisfaction. Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Sylvia Moon (in no way related to his mother's family), and they have three children, to wit: Roy, Leon and Herbert. The family are adherents of the M. E. Church, and socially Mr. Jackson is a member of the F. & A. M. and the Chapter.

E. C. SCHULER, manager of the North Amherst Furniture Co., which has been in active operation since 1889, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Easton, Northampton county, in 1845. He is a son of George and Anna Catherine (Luezler) Schuler, natives of Germany, the father of Baden, the mother of Hessia. George Schuler was a locksmith by trade, which he followed in this country for a time, and then revisiting Germany, remained there seven years, at the end of which time he returned to the United States, making his permanent residence in Pennsylvania, where he died; his wife, whom he married in Germany, passed from earth in 1887, also in Pennsylvania. They were the parents of six children, as follows: George Theodore, a graduate of Heidelberg College, Germany, now in business in Georgia; Amelia, widow, living in Allentown, Penn.; Aurelia, wife of J. Rohrer, in South Easton, Penn.; Isabella, widow, a resident of Allentown, Penn.; Harmon, living in Arkansas (he enlisted in the Nineteenth P. V. C., and served throughout the war of the Rebellion, veteranizing), and E. C., subject of sketch.

E. C. Schuler received his elementary education at the schools of Heidelberg, Germany, to which country the family returned when he was two years old. After staying seven years in Heidelberg the family again came to the United States, and for three years resided in Mauch Chunk, Penn., and then at Easton (where E. C. was born), at which place he finished his education, passing finally through Easton High School. In 1867 he came to Brownhelm township, Lorain county, where he worked for Rice & Co., as molder, having previously learned the trade, and in 1868 came to Amherst, continuing in the same line of business for some time. He then carried on a meat market about eight or ten years. In 1889 he commenced in the furniture manufacturing business, in which he has met with much success.

In 1869 Mr. Schuler was married, in Brownhelm township, Lorain county, to Mary E. Shotton, a native of that township, daughter of John and Irene (Thrall) Shotton, the father a native of France, both now deceased. To this union four children have been born, viz.: Frances, wife of

H. R. Hart, of Toledo, Ohio; Fred; and Anna and George, twins. Our subject and wife are members of the M. E. Church, of the Sunday-school of which he is superintendent. Politically he is a Democrat, and during Cleveland's first administration served four years as postmaster at North Amherst. He has been a member of the town council, and of the school board twelve years. Socially Mr. Schuler is a member of the F. & A. M., Stonington Lodge, No. 503, of which he was W. M. three times; also of the Marshall Chapter, No. 49, Elyria, Ohio; is a member of Amherst Lodge No. 47 K. of P., of Plato Lodge No. 301, I. O. O. F., and of the K. O. T. M.

GEORGE JACKSON. This gentleman, who enjoys the distinction of being the most extensive and prosperous agriculturist of Penfield township, is deserving of more than a passing notice in the pages of this work.

He is a great-grandson of Reuben Jackson, and a grandson of Daniel, who was born in 1775 in Pittsfield, Mass., where he learned the blacksmith's trade under his father. Daniel was married in his native State to Patty Kellogg, who was born in Pittsfield in 1785, and while residing in Massachusetts three children were born to them, as follows: Jane, who married Harvey Birdseye, and died at the age of eighty-four years in Trenton, Oneida Co., N. Y.; Pliny, father of our subject; and Sally, who married William Gillett, and died in Penfield, Ohio, when aged thirty-six years. Between 1812 and 1815 the family removed west to Jefferson county, N. Y., and bought the farm whereon the parents passed the remaining years of their lives, the father engaging chiefly in agriculture, although he also followed his trade to some extent. In New York State were born the following named children: Susan, the wife of William Chapman, who died in Chicago at an advanced age; Maria, who married Ferdinand Turnicliff, and died in Pittsfield, Ohio; Elisha, a farmer of Penfield township, Lorain county; Jason, a farmer, who died in Champion, Jefferson Co., N. Y.; Daniel, who also died in Champion, N. Y.; James, a farmer of Penfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio; Charille, who married Hiram Hopkins, and died in Wellington, Ohio; Jesse, late a farmer of Humboldt county, Iowa, where he died November 29, 1893; and Belah, who died after reaching adult age, in Champion, Jefferson Co., N. Y. Mr. Jackson was a very successful farmer. He was a man of wonderful vitality, active and capable of performing a hard day's work to the very end of his life; he died suddenly, while chopping wood, in his eighty-fourth year. He frequently remarked that he did not know what it was to feel tired. In politics he was an Old-line Whig, a stanch member of the party. His wife died at the age of ninety-three years, and now lies buried by his side in Champion cemetery; they were devout members of the Old-school Presbyterian Church, and he was a man so highly respected, esteemed and loved everywhere, that it could almost be said he had not an enemy in the world.

Pliny Jackson, father of subject, was born, in 1806, in Jefferson county, N. Y., near Carthage, was educated at the common schools and reared to farming pursuits. When a young man he was married, near Ogdensburg, N. Y., to Miss Sarah Rowlin, who bore him two children in New York State, viz.: Jane, now Mrs. Henry Reynolds, of LaGrange, Ohio, and Martha, wife of Eli Griffith, also of LaGrange. In the early spring of 1835 the family set out for Ohio with a sled, drawn by oxen, which, the snow having in the meantime melted, stuck in a deep mud hole, and they had to hire another yoke of oxen to drag out the sled. Pliny Jackson had previously visited Ohio, prospecting for land, but made no definite purchase. They landed in Penfield

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township, Lorain county, after a long and tedious journey, and here the father traded his oxen, sled and the entire outfit for 120 acres of wild land, the same our subject now owns and lives on. Here they made a clearing, built a log house, and set to work to make further improvements on their new home. The nearest neighbor was on the opposite side of the road from the Jacksons, while the next nearest was three miles distant. Game was plentiful, and the family larder was always well provided with venison, wild turkey, pheasants, quail, rabbits, etc. By and by Mr. Jackson added to this property 121 acres adjoining. Here were born to Pliny Jackson and his wife children as follows: George, our subject; Alonzo, who died at the age of twenty-five; Malissa, now Mrs. William Snow, of Oakland, Cal.,; Harriet, Mrs. Ed. Rockwood; and Eliza, who died of smallpox when young. The father in after years moved into Wellington village, thence to LaGrange, where he died; for several years he had been a sufferer from rheumatism. His wife survived him a few years, dying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Griffith. They were buried in Pittsfield township cemetery, near the farm whereon they had first settled. Mr. Jackson was a hard-working, industrious man, and a leading farmer of his day, in his political proclivities a stanch Democrat.

George Jackson, the subject proper of this sketch, was born July 6, 1835, on the farm he now owns and lives on in Penfield township, Lorain county. He received a liberal education at the schools of the neighborhood, which in those early days of the county were most primitive in their furnishings and educational facilities. On his father's farm he was thoroughly trained to the arduous duties of farm life, and agricultural pursuits in all phases have been his life work. In August, 1861, he married Miss Mercy Hoxley, of Summit county, Ohio, where she was born in 1840, and children as follows were the result of this union: Arthur, of LaGrange; Alonzo, of Penfield; Eliza, Mrs. Ford Gott, of LaGrange; William, of Penfield township; Frances, who is married to Frank Bradstock, of Penfield, and Bernice, who died young. The mother of these died October 21, 1873, and lies buried in Pittsfield cemetery. In September, 1874, Mr. Jackson married, for his second wife, Miss Frances E. Hull, who was born in Penfield township, Lorain county, a daughter of Joel and Polly (Huxley) Hull, and four children have come to this marriage, all yet living and named respectively: Mabel, Jay, Ernest and Sylvester.

Mr. Jackson may truly be said to be a representative self-made man, as from small beginnings, by dint of indefatigable energy, coupled with sound judgment, good management and unsurpassed financiering, he has attained a comfortable competence. He now owns 431 acres of prime farm land, well equipped with commodious buildings, is a thoroughly practical as well as theoretical agriculturist, and is an excellent judge of stock. Democratic in politics, he has held various township offices in a strongly Republican community, and he has proven himself as capable as he is popular. For a few years the family lived in the town of Wellington, in order that the children might there be educated.

HANS HEINRICH JULIUS KROHN, city marshal of Elyria, is a native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, born April 24, 1841.

His father, Henry William Krohn, was born in Flensborg, Schleswig-Holstein, where he married Miss Lucy Muellerstedt, a native of the same city. Here he died; his widow is now living in Denmark, with her son Henry Ernst Georg, who is in the service of the Government as mail agent. Three members of this family, incuding our subject, came to America in 1869, but prior to that

he had served his time as florist and landscape gardener. After his arrival in this country he first located in North Amherst, Lorain county, and in September immediately following moved to Lake Forest, Ill., where he had charge of the horticulture and floriculture at a family residence. From Lake Forest he went to Clinton, same State, where he followed farming, after which he came to Elyria, and has here since made his home. Mr. Krohn from the time he came to Elyria has been engaged in various capacities, railroading being one of his experiences, but finding that his age stood in the way of promotion, he abandoned that, and took a position on the night police force. He made an efficient officer, gaining the confidence of the people of Elyria, and in the spring of 1890, after one year's service as night policeman, he was elected to his present position of city marshal, and is ex-officio chief of police. In the spring of 1891 he was reëlected for two years, and in the spring of 1893, Elyria having been changed from a village to a city, his term of office was nullified, and he was reëlected for two years under the city ordinance.

In 1866 Mr. Krohn was united in marriage with Miss Elise C. Freese, a native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and three children were born to them, namely: Henry, who died at the age of seventeen years; Edith, wife of E. J. Moser; and Elizabeth, recently married to Reno F. Mussey. In his political preferences our subject is a Republican; socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and of the K. of P., Uniform Rank.

WILLIAM A. SAYLES. The subject of this sketch, William Allen Sayles, was born June 11, 1847, in Onondaga county, New York. His father, Smith F. Sayles, was born in Rhode Island in 1822, but moved with his parents to the State of New York in his early boyhood. At the age of twenty-two he married Evalyn Allen, and William A. was the only child of this marriage. Having lost his first wife, he married Clara Van Slyke in 1853, and soon after moved to Lorain county, Ohio. For the first five years he lived first in Ridgeville, then in Eaton township, and finally bought 140 acres for his permanent home in Carlisle township, a most beautiful tract of land on the banks of Black river. Two children were the fruit of this second marriage, neither of whom lived to years of maturity. The father died April 22, 1890, survived only by his wife and son, William A. Politically he was a Democrat until the outbreak of the Rebellion. Then he became a Republican and remained such until the latter years of his life, when he gave his support to the Prohibition party.

William A. Sayles spent his boyhood upon his father's farm, and was educated in the public schools of Lorain county. On November 5, 1863, he enlisted in Company L, Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, and served until April 25, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He then spent some time in study at Berea College. After leaving school he remained with his father upon the home farm until the time of his marriage, except a part of three years spent in Wisconsin, near Kenosha. In 1872 he married Lillian Brush, daughter of William Brush, a pioneer of Lorain county. Until the death of his father he lived in a home upon the bank of the river near the home of his father. Here his three children—Clare, Lynne and Bertrand—were born. Upon the death of his father he moved with his household to the old homestead, where he now lives.

Mr. Sayles is a successful farmer, his farm being one of the best kept and most fruitful in the neighborhood. An ardent lover and a good judge of horses, he has given some attention to horse raising, and has the distinction of having sold to the Royal stables of Austria an animal now pronounced by

competent authorities to be the finest trotting horse in Europe. Our subject takes a prominent part in the politics of the county, and is a stanch Republican. He is one of the foremost in a community of progressive and prosperous farmers.

D. CROWELL, for over sixty years a resident of Eaton township, is a son of Richard and Mary B. (Little) Crowell, who were natives of New Jersey, where they were married in 1824.

In 1832 they came west to Ohio with a team owned by Alvah Brooks, and settling in the woods of Eaton township, Lorain county, set to work to open up a farm. Here they made their home several years, then moved to Grafton township, same county, where they passed the remainder of their pioneer lives, dying, the father in 1875, the mother in 1879. They had a family of eight children, as follows: Rebecca, wife of Isaac B. Ross, of Eaton township; Mary Louisa, wife of Chandler Eaton, died in Michigan in 1873; D. Crowell, subject of this memoir; Aaron and Moses (twins), the latter of whom died at the age of fourteen (Aaron married, and made his home in Eaton township, where he died in 1882); one deceased in infancy; Silas, married, residing in Grafton township; and Phebe, who married David Phelan (a soldier), and died in Eaton township in 1863.

D. Crowell, whose name appears at the opening of this sketch, was born in New Jersey in December, 1829, and was two and a half years old when his parents brought him to Eaton township, where he was reared and educated. He ably assisted in clearing up the home farm till he came of age, when he bought 156 acres of wild land in the same township, whereon to build up a home for himself. This he has so well improved and cultivated that it is now one of the best farms in the county, and, by additions, at this time comprises 165½ broad acres. He has erected residences thereon, both two stories high, 16 x 28 and an L 16 x 28; also a good horse barn 30 x 44. In connection with general farming he pays considerable attention to dairying, and in all his undertakings success has followed his efforts.

In 1849 Mr. Crowell was united in marriage, in Eaton township, with Miss Sarah Smith, a native of England, daughter of T. P. Smith, who came from that country to America, making his first home in the United States at Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, afterward moving to Amherst township, Lorain county, then to Elyria, and finally to Henry county, same State; he died in 1866, his last days being spent at the home of our subject. To this union has been born one child, Smith Ebenezer, who is married and is the father of three children: A. D., Bertrand M. and Richard Hubert. Politically Mr. Crowell is a Democrat, and he is a member of the M. E. Church.

GEORGE MATHEWS, one of the most prosperous of the native-born agriculturists of Eaton township, was born in 1842, a son of Edward and Ellen (McDermot) Mathews, natives of Ireland.

Edward Mathews when a young man emigrated from his home in Erin to Canada, whence after his marriage he came to Lorain county, sojourning for a time in Columbia township, thence moving to Eaton township, and making his final home on the farm where our subject now resides, which locality was then all wild woodland, teeming with game of all sorts. He died in 1855; he was a strong Democrat for a time, but in later years supported the Whig party. His widow is yet living, making her home now with her son George. The

record of their children is as follows: James E. went to Michigan when a young man, where he married, and died in 1890; Ann is the widow of R. R. Steele, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Martha is the wife of Stephen Tyler, and resides in St. Joseph, Berrien Co., Mich.; Jane is the wife of Henry Foster, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; George; William is married, and residing in Berrien, Mich. (he enlisted in Lorain county, Ohio, and served two years in the Civil war); Ellen is the wife of Reuben Learn, and resides at Ogden, Utah; Emma is the wife of Martin Terry, of Elyria, Ohio.

George Mathews, the subject of our present writing, received a fair education at the schools of his native township, which in those early days were somewhat primitive in their character, both in their furnishings and in the quality of the literary pabulum provided therein. He was thoroughly trained to the pursuits of the farm, and has all his life carried on general agriculture on the old homestead, which he owns, and which comprises some seventy acres of land, all in a good state of cultivation. In 1869 he was married in Eaton township to Miss Emma, daughter of John and Harriet (Wilson) Shadford, sketch of whom follows. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Leon, who received his education in Elyria, is now in the employ of Salyer & Allen, clothiers, Elyria; and Mamie. Politically Mr. Mathews is a loyal member of the Republican party.

J. Shadford, father-in-law of Mr. Mathews, was born in 1814 in Lincolnshire. England, a son of John and Mary (Collinson) Shadford, of Yorkshire, England, the latter of whom died in her native land.

John Shadford, father of subject, came in 1828 with his family to the United States, first locating in Grafton township, Lorain county, thence in 1831 moving to Eaton township, where he cleared up a farm out of the woods, and which afterward came to be known as the "Wilson farm." Here he died some time before the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion. He had two brothers who came to the United States, viz.: William, who enlisted in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the Civil war, serving as orderly sergeant (he is now residing in the West, it is thought in Iowa); and Major, who lived in Lorain county, Ohio, nearly all his life. dying about the year 1873.

J. Shadford, of whom this writing chiefly relates, received his education in the schools of his native place, and after coming to this country, which he did at the age of fourteen, attended the schools of Grafton and LaPorte, in Lorain county. The main business of his life has been farming, but he owned and for some years operated steam mills at Grafton, which he had erected about the year 1859. He is now owner of ninety-one acres of first-class land, all improved from the woods, and under a good state of cultivation. In 1836 he was married to Miss Harriet Wilson, a native of England, and daughter of Thomas Wilson, who died in that country. Two children have been born to this marriage, viz.: Edward W., and Emily, wife of George Mathews. In politics Mr. Shadford is a Democrat, and he has served on the school board.

JEREMIAH MARTIN, Jr., a well-to-do agriculturist of Columbia township, was born October 8, 1850, in Devonshire, England.

His parents, Jeremiah and Mary (Sheer) Martin, were also natives of England, the father of Devonshire, the mother of Cornwall, whence in 1867 they came to the United States, locating in Columbia township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where Mrs. Martin died in 1868; Mr. Martin now resides in Jasper county, Mo. They had seven children, namely: Jeremiah, subject of this sketch; William, married, residing in

Columbia township; Nathaniel, married, who makes his home in Missouri; John Thomas, married, also living in Missouri; Jane, wife of Clifton Baker, in Missouri; Mary, wife of Lafe House, of Hillsborough, Oregon; and Charles Wesley, married, a resident of Missouri.

Jeremiah Martin, Jr., whose name introduces this sketch, passed his early years in England, where he received an education in the common schools. In 1867 he came with his parents to Columbia township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and in 1869 went to Jasper county, Mo., residing there until 1873, when he returned to Columbia township. Here he was united in marriage, in 1875, with Lucy R. Peachey, who was a native of Columbia township, daughter of Thomas and Philomela (Smith) Peachey, early pioneers of same, where they both died. In 1881 Mr. Martin located on his present farm, comprising 145½ acres of land in a good state of cultivation, upon which he has erected a good barn, 40 x 72 feet, with ten-foot basement and milk house 9½ x 16 feet, two stories high, with a geared windmill and water tank on top of it; here he conducts a general farming business. In politics our subject is a member of the Republican party, and has served on the school board. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are members of the M. E. Church of Columbia, in which he is trustee and treasurer. They are the parents of four children, namely: B. A., Alonzo B., Charles Wesley and Philomela.

ISAAC B. ROSS, well-known in Eaton township as a solid, practical farmer, was born in 1826 in New Jersey, a son of William R. and Hannah W. (Durand) Ross, natives of the same State. The father, who was by trade a surveyor, died in February, 1877, in good circumstances; his widow came to Lorain county, Ohio, and here passed the rest of her days, dying July 5, 1887. They had a family of six children, as follows: Isaac B., subject of this sketch; Harriet, wife of Lucian Burrett, of Lorain; Mary, residing in Lorain; Juliet, wife of Zadoc Reeve, of New Jersey; John, residing in Eaton township, and George, who died in Eaton township, Lorain county.

Isaac B. Ross, whose name introduces this sketch, was educated in New Jersey, and there resided till 1848, when he came to Eaton township, Lorain county. He was originally a shoemaker, a trade he followed successfully until about the year 1855, when he turned his attention exclusively to agriculture. In that year he moved to his present fine farm in Eaton township, comprising 137 acres of as good land as can be found in the county. In 1849 Mr. Ross was married, in Eaton township, to Miss Rebecca Crowell, a native of New York, daughter of Richard and Mary (Little) Crowell, natives of New Jersey, who about 1831 came from New York State to Lorain county, settling in Eaton township, where they made their home for many years; they died in Grafton, the father October 25, 1875, aged seventy-three years, the mother February 24, 1879, aged seventy-eight. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Rebecca, Mrs. Ross; Daniel, residing in Eaton township; Silas, married, residing in Grafton; Moses, who died in 1844; Phebe, the wife of David Phelan, died in 1863; Mary L., wife of Chandler Eaton, died about 1872; Aaron, deceased December 1, 1882; and one deceased in infancy. In 1832, when Mrs. Ross was a little girl, she got lost in the woods of Eaton township, while on her way to visit a neighbor—the only one for miles around. On being missed a search party set out, and after a long and patient hunt found her about 1 o'clock the next morning. She had waded in water up to her arm-pits, and although she often heard her mother and others calling her name, she was so frightened that she thought the

sounds came from the howling wolves, of which there were many in those pioneer days. To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac B. Ross were born three children, namely: Moses C., married, residing in Eaton township; M. D., married, living on the home farm; and Perry, married, who died in Eaton township in 1880. In politics our subject is a Prohibition-Republican, and he is serving as a member of the school board. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church at Eaton, of which he is steward.

JOHN LANTSBERY, who for over a quarter of a century has been among the leading successful agriculturists of Carlisle township, is a native of England, born in Little Creaton, Northamptonshire, July 26, 1842. His parents, John and Ann (Haddon) Lantsbery, natives of the same county in England, were farming people, industrious and economical. The father died there in 1846, the mother in Lubenham, England, November 24, 1873, at the age of fifty-one years. They had four children, our subject being the only survivor.

He was educated in the schools of his native place, and in 1864 emigrated to the United States, arriving in December of that year in Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he resided till 1867, in which year he came to Carlisle township, agriculture having been his occupation in both townships. His first land purchase was seventy-one acres partly improved, but he now owns ninety-six acres, all in a good state of cultivation.

In 1863 Mr. Lantsbery was married in England to Mary Ann Eady, a native of Cottesbrook, Northamptonshire, daughter of Thomas and Susan (Holt) Eady, of the same county, where her father died in 1862, her mother in 1884, at the age of seventy-eight years (for her second husband the latter had married a Mr. Kilworth). Of their six children, William now resides in New Zealand; John died in England; Francis lives in London, England; Thomas is also in England, and Henry J. is a druggist in Elyria, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Lantsbery were born six children, as follows: John Thomas died of pneumonia in 1891, aged twenty-six years; Henry W., born in 1867, is married, and resides near his parents; Alice, born in 1869; Anna S., born May 20, 1874, is attending school in Elyria; Fannie, born in 1877, died in 1883; Nellie McE., born May 22, 1880. The parents are members of the Disciple Church at Elyria, of which Mrs. Lantsbery has been organist for several years, and for a long time she taught music throughout the county; she is correspondent for the *Republican*, the *Democrat* and the *Oberlin News*. In his political sympathies Mr. Lantsbery is a Republican.

JS. CRAWFORD, who for some five years was a prominent merchant in Lorain, South End, but has been retired since 1887, came to the town in 1882 from Seville, Medina county, Ohio.

He was born in Medina county January 15, 1847, a son of William and Rebecca (Smith) Crawford, natives of Pennsylvania, the father of Washington county, the mother of near Philadelphia. In 1821 they came to Ohio, settling on a farm in Medina county, which is still in the family name. The father was a sergeant in the Home Guards. He died in 1877, the mother in August, 1888. Our subject was educated in part at the district schools of the vicinity of his birthplace, and in part in the schools of Seville. On August 9, 1882, he came to Lorain county and opened a grocery store at Lorain, South End. He put up a frame building which was destroyed by fire February 2, 1883,

and he afterward erected a double brick store, two stories high, 50x48 feet, and continued in business till 1887—five years. Prior to this he followed farming till 1869; then went west, remaining away some eight years, part of the time in Missouri (Henry county), Mississippi, Illinois and Michigan.

Mr. Crawford was married in Medina county, Ohio, in 1876, to Miss Chestina Hay, a native of that county, and daughter of Henry Hay, and to this union has been born one child, Mary R. Mrs. Crawford is a member of the Baptist Church. Politically Mr. Crawford is independent, invariably voting for the best men and soundest measures. He is a member of Woodlawn Lodge No. 226, K. of P., and of Lorain Lodge No. 552, A. F. & A. M., of which he is treasurer. His present fine residence on the corner of Washington and Franklin streets, Lorain, he erected in 1891. Grandfather James Crawford came to Medina county, Ohio, from Washington county, Penn., in 1821, and made his future home there.

DAVID DRAKE, a leading farmer and dairyman of Carlisle township, is a native of Schoharie county, N. Y., born April 20, 1820, a son of Alexander and Lucy (Benson) Drake, of Vermont, who migrated to New York State in an early day. The Drake family are of English descent, and in early Colonial days three granduncles of Mr. Drake —Benjamin, Cyrus and Alexander—came from England to Vermont, where they settled as farmers. The father of David, who was by trade a blacksmith, was born in the year 1766, and died in Montgomery county, N. Y., July 2, 1838, being buried July 4. He was twice married, and by his first wife had three children—Preserve, Polly and Sally. The children by the second marriage were: Apollos, Pliny, Gilbert, Abram, David, Dennis (of Iowa, now deceased), and Caleb (living in Missouri); of whom Apollos, about the year 1830, came from Delaware county, N. Y., to Medina county, Ohio, and died at Hamilton's Corner in 1883, a lifelong Democrat.

David Drake, the subject proper of these lines, received his education in Schoharie and Montgomery counties, N. Y., and until he was twenty-seven years old worked on farms by the month or day, two seasons for twenty shillings per month. In 1862 he migrated from New York State to Medina county, Ohio, where he remained one year, and then moved to Spencer township, same county, whence in 1867 he came to Penfield township, Lorain county. Here he bought an improved farm which he lived on and conducted eighteen years, and then moved to La-Grange township, same county, making his home there one year. In 1885 he finally settled in Carlisle township, where he owns the old Golden farm, bought by him from William A. Braman, and which consists of 144 acres of highly-improved land; he also owns ninety acres in Carlisle besides the tract he resides on, making, in the aggregate, 234 acres.

On February 7, 1848, in New York State, Mr. Drake was married to Miss Julia Alger, of New York, daughter of William and Casadena Alger, natives of England, who when young came to New York, where they married and died. To this union were born three children, viz.: William, married, and living in Carlisle, has three children: Olivia, Ray and Lulu; Esther, widow of Milan Cone, of Penfield township, has four children: Letha, Kate, Mercy and Fred; Hattie, wife of George Plase, in Carlisle township, has one child —Claude—by a former marriage with Charles Spicer. Mrs. Julia A. Drake died October 10, 1875, and February 13, 1878, Mr. Drake was united in marriage, in Medina county, Ohio, with Miss Aurelia Graham, a native of that county, daughter

of Andrew Graham, an early settler of Medina, who died August 18, 1892. By that marriage there is one child, Lucy, living at home. In his political affiliations our subject is a Republican. He is a representative self-made man, having accumulated all he owns by his individual perseverance and industry.

C. D. STOCKING, a prominent and prosperous agriculturist of Brighton township, is a native of same, born November 17, 1840, a son of Jonathan S. Stocking.

Joseph Stocking, grandfather of subject, was born in Ashfield, Franklin Co., Mass., November 1, 1781, and in 1815 came to Dover township, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, with his family, including Jonathan S. They traveled with an ox-team, the journey occupying six weeks, other immigrants coming at the same time. Mr. Stocking had visited the locality twice before bringing his family—once in 1811 or '12, and again in 1814. He built a log house on the site where he last resided. When he first came to Dover township there was but one frame building in Cleveland, that place, in fact, being a mere point, a nucleus around which a village afterward grew up, from which was evolved the great city of Cleveland. Mr. Stocking was prominent and active in the township, and was equally active in its religious and educational interests. His first Presidential vote was cast for Jefferson, and it is said he voted at every Presidential election afterward, his last vote being cast for Hayes. He died February 23, 1877, aged ninety-five years, three months, twenty-two days, having been a resident of Dover township, Cuyahoga county, over sixty years. He lived to see the wilderness transformed into fruitful fields, and towns and cities rise up out of the dense forest; he lived to hear the rush and roar of the railroad train where once could be heard naught but the howling of wolves, the angry growling of no less ferocious bears, and the war-whoop of the Indian. But to essay to mention what was consummated in those three-score years would be to attempt a history of all the Northwest, with its most wonderful growth and marvelous development.

In Dover township, Cuyahoga county, in November, 1836, Jonathan S. Stocking married Sabrina Lilly, born in Ashfield, Mass., daughter of Austin Lilly, who came from New England in pioneer times. Jonathan S. Stocking lived in Cuyahoga county till 1836, in which year he moved to Brighton township, Lorain county, and in company with Harry Hawes bought 222 acres of heavily-timbered land, and they felled the first tree that ever felt the axe on that farm. This land cost them six dollars per acre, but it proved a valuable property. Jonathan Stocking died here in 1890, aged eighty years, two months, seventeen days, his wife in 1887, aged seventy-two years, four months, five days, and they are interred at Brighton Center. He was very successful, not only in general farming but also in stock raising, and was a hard-working man up to within two years of his death. In politics he was first a Whig, and, after the formation of the party, a stanch Republican. Mrs. Stocking, in Church relationship, was an Episcopalian. They were parents of children as follows: C. D., subject; Byron, deceased in infancy; Elmus B., who enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Seventy-eighth O. V. I., was detailed to hospital work at Wilmington, S. C., and while handling corpses in the dead house became poisoned (he died at home at the age of twenty-two years); Abigail, who died in 1865 when sixteen years old; Ralph G., deceased in infancy; and Darwin, a farmer of Brighton township.

C. D. Stocking, the subject proper of this sketch, received a good practical education at the common schools of his native

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township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He has always lived on the old homestead with the exception of the few months during the Civil war he worked for his uncle, Joseph Stocking, in Cuyahoga county. His farm, the largest in the township, now comprises 331 acres of excellent land, equipped with as fine residence and outbuildings as can be seen in the county.

On January 7, 1874, our subject was married to Miss Ann Eliza Fish, who was born, in 1838, in Ashland county, Ohio, a daughter of Daniel Fish, and two children —Abigail M. and Jane R.—have been born to them. Mrs. Stocking is a member of the Congregational Church at Brighton. Politically Mr. Stocking is a Republican, and has served as township trustee ten consecutive years; socially he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

J. L. REED, widely known in the county as a thorough business man, and an active member of the enterprising firm of Teasdale & Reed, proprietors of the People's Shoe Store, and of the livery firm of Moysey & Reed, Elyria, is a native of Cuyahoga county, Ohio, born February 7, 1846, in Strongsville.

Joseph Reed, father of subject, was a native of Cornwall, England, a son of Thomas Reed, who was born in the parish of St. Agnes, in the same county, and was a farmer and landowner there. In an early day he (Thomas) immigrated to the United States, bringing with him his family of thirteen children, of whom Joseph was the seventh in order of birth. They settled in Strongsville (near Cleveland), Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, where the father of this large family followed farming to the close of his life, which was a long and active one, he being close on ninety years of age at the time of his death. He was a member of the Congregational Church. His wife, Mary (Hitchens), was nearly eighty years old at the time of her death, and all the ancestry, on both sides, seem to have been long-lived. Joseph Reed, their son, was barely twenty years old when he came to America. He was married in Strongsville, Ohio, to Miss Tamar Lyman, and six children were born to them, J. L. being the eldest. The father of these was born in 1818, and died August 14, 1880; the mother, now in her seventy-fourth year, is living in Columbia. After marriage Joseph Reed settled in Columbia township, where he followed farming. By trade he was a shoemaker, which he followed in England, and to a limited extent in this country.

J. L. Reed, the subject proper of this biographical memoir, in his boyhood worked about the quarries in Berea and Columbia, and chopped wood by the cord, in order to earn money to pay for his schooling. His elementary education he received at the common schools of his native place, which he supplemented with three terms study at Oberlin, and three terms at Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, besides a course at Oberlin Commercial School. He then took up farming, securing a lease of his wife's father's farm in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, where he now owns 110 acres of well-cultivated land. He also, in connection with his farming interests, deals in wagons, agricultural implements, etc., and runs a shop in which repairing of wagons and implements, in all of its branches, is done. In 1889 he became associated with the People's Shoe Store, in Elyria, in company with Mr. Teasdale, as successors to Stone & Campbell. In May, 1891, he became a partner with Mr. Moysey in the present livery business, both of which enterprises are in a sound flourishing condition.

In 1869 Mr. Reed was married to Miss Elizabeth Healy, and two children have been born to them, viz.: Fred, at present a student at Garfield School, in Portage

county, Ohio, and Elsie, better known as "Kittie" among her many friends and acquaintances. In his political affiliations he is a stanch Republican, and he served as justice of the peace nine years, declining to accept further election. He is a notary public, a member of the Church of Christ at North Eaton, and is the superintendent of the Sunday-school in said church. He is now vice-president of the Lorain County Agricultural Society, of which he has been a director four years.

OREN MOORE, a prominent representative farmer of Sheffield township, was born February 13, 1848, in Lorain county, Ohio.

He is a son of Norman Moore, a native of Massachusetts, who came to Ohio when a young man. He was married in Huron county, Ohio, to Honore Messenger, and later settled at Avon Point, Lorain county. He was a sailor and farmer, and also conducted a saw and grist mill. He built two vessels; one of these, the "Rainbow," seventy-five tons burden, at the time created considerable excitement, people coming for miles to see it launched. He afterward built the "Young Leopard," 125 tons burden, which he sold at Oswego. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had five children, all of whom grew to maturity, namely: Amaneer, who became a sailor, and died of cancer at the age of fifty-eight (he was a custom-house officer at Put-in-Bay for about three years during the latter part of his life); Oswell, who enlisted at Elyria in the Civil war and was killed at Gettysburg, being shot through the heart; Oren, our subject; Charles, and Amanda, widow of John Nesbitt, who died on his return home from the army. During the latter part of his his life Mr. Moore was an invalid; he died when about seventy-five years old.

Oren Moore was reared at Avon Point, Lorain county, and received his education in the common schools. When yet a young man he was married to Miss Abbie Jaycocks, a native of New York, and they have had eight children, as follows: Lorenzo, who died at the age of forty-three; William, a farmer of Michigan; Marietta, wife of L. Cahoon; Hattie, wife of Harry Haylor; Horace, a farmer of Michigan; Sadie, wife of L. Robinson, of Lorain; Millie, married to Harry Groene, and Lennie, wife of John Faragher. After his marriage Mr. Moore lived in a log house in Avon township, on the Center road, later coming to Sheffield township, where he now owns a good farm of one hundred acres. His wife died of cancer at the age of sixty four. Our subject is a life-long farmer, progressive and enterprising in every respect. Politically he is a Republican; socially he is a F. & A. M. Mr. Moore has eighteen grandchildren.

PETER MEYER, one of the prominent, progressive and prosperous German agriculturists of Lorain county, is a native of Bavaria, born in 1844, a son of Andrew and Mary Catherine (Wack) Meyer, also of Bavaria, and in 1846 they set sail with their family from Havre, France, for the New World.

After a voyage of forty-eight days they landed at New York, from which city they proceeded westward to Ohio, making a settlement on a farm in Ridgeville township, Lorain county. For eleven years the parents resided in the town of Elyria, and here the father died in 1882, the mother in February, 1892. By trade Andrew Meyer was a carpenter, which he followed in his native land, but in this country he carried on agriculture almost exclusively. He had a family of eight

children, of whom we give a record of seven, as follows, the eldest two being by a former wife, and, consequently, half-brother and half-sister to the others: Elizabeth, wife of Henry Neipfoot, of Elyria township; John, who enlisted during the Civil war in Company G, One Hundred and Seventh O. V. I., and was killed in the battle of Gettysburg; Peter, subject of this sketch; Catherine, wife of Adam Berres, of Ridgeville township; Mathias, a resident of New York City; Gertrude, deceased; Adam, married, a resident of Hartford, Conn., in the employ of the Gas & Electric Light Company, near San-Francisco, Cal.

The subject of this biographical sketch was two years old when he came to Ridgeville township, and he here received a fair English education, in the meantime being trained to the arduous duties of the farm. In 1862 he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Seventh O. V. I., for three years or during the war, his regiment being first attached to the army of the Potomac, and later to the Department of the South. He participated in the battles of Gettysburg and St. John's Island (S. C.); was in the charge on Fort Wagner, and then with Sherman in the Carolina campaigns; was present at the destruction of the Columbia & Georgetown Railroad at Sumter, S. C., in the campaign in which State he served over ten months. At Gettysburg he was wounded, but not incapacitated. In June, 1865, he was discharged at Charleston, S. C., mustered out at Cleveland, Ohio, same year, and returned to the pursuits of peace in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, farming being his lifework, although he was engaged two and one half years at carpenter work.

Mr. Meyer was married in Ridgeville township, in 1872, to Miss Catherine Stander, and twelve children have been born to them, all yet living, named as follows: Barbara, Emma, Peter Jacob, Mary Magdalene, Bridget, Rosa, Henry, Mary, Clara, Lawrence, Henry, and Gregory. Politically our subject is a stanch Democrat; socially he is a member of Wesley Kibby Post No. 708, G. A. R., Ridgeville. His wife and family are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Meyer is owner of 121 acres of land, all in a good state of cultivation, and well improved.

ELDEN WORTHINGTON is one of the most substantial and well-to-do of the agriculturists of Carlisle township, of which he is a native.

He was born March 9, 1833, a son of Jonathan B. and Elizabeth (Orr) Worthington, natives of Luzerne county, Penn., the father born January 16, 1807, the mother October 23, 1813. They were married in that county, and shortly afterward came with a one-horse wagon to Huron county, Ohio, thence moving to Lorain county, locating in Carlisle township. Here the father opened up a farm, then bought land in Eaton township, near LaPorte, and some years later moved thereon. He died in LaPorte September 5, 1884, the mother in Carlisle township October 25, 1869. In politics he was first a Whig, and afterward, on the organization of the party, a Republican; he was a justice of the peace, and for many years township trustee. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan B. Worthington, as follows: Maria, widow of Alfred Ruggles, of Norwalk; Elden, subject of sketch; Benjamin, born in Carlisle township, served in the Civil war, three-months' service, and died in Cleveland in May, 1880; Elijah, married, and engaged in the real-estate business in Cleveland; Elizabeth, wife of O. Humphrey, of Eaton township, Lorain county; Henry, married, and living in LaGrange township, Lorain county; Erwin, who served in the Civil war, three-months' service, is married, and lives in Norwalk, Ohio; Augusta, who married Charles

Warner, of Eaton township, and died June 16, 1891; and Mary, deceased in July, 1888. The Worthington family are of English lineage. Grandfather Worthington was a native of Massachusetts, a school teacher by occupation, and in an early day moved to Pennsylvania. Grandfather Orr was born in New Jersey of German ancestry, and became a pioneer of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania.

Elden Worthington received his education at the common schools of Carlisle and Eaton townships, learned the trade of shoemaker, and worked at same with his father some ten years at LaPorte. He then commenced farming in Eaton, and in course of time owned a farm in that township, and one in Carlisle. In his political predilections he is a Republican, and for several terms was trustee of Eaton township, as well as member of the school board. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church of Elyria. In addition to his regular agricultural interests Mr. Worthington deals considerably in real estate—both buying and selling.

On September 16, 1857, our subject was united in marriage in Carlisle township with Miss Elizabeth J. Cornell, a native of Eaton township, daughter of James and Betsy (Dolbee) Cornell, of New York, who came to Lorain county in 1834, locating in Eaton township, but subsequently, in 1838, removing to Carlisle township, where the father passed from earth in April, 1860; the mother died in June, 1888. They had a family of ten children, six of whom are yet living, viz.: Louisa, wife Rev. N. S. Worden, of Ridgeville, Henry Co., Ohio; Heiro, married, and living in California; Nelson, married, and residing in Chickasaw county, Iowa; Fannie, wife of Rev. B. D. Jones, of Coshocton county, Ohio; Elizabeth J., wife of Elden Worthington; and Fidelia, widow of Walter Fauver, of Ridgeville, Henry Co., Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Elden Worthington have been born five children, of whom the following is a brief record: Edith is the wife of Anson E. Pinney, of Ithaca, Mich., and they have four children: Clyde, Lila, Charles E. and Ruth Elizabeth; Clara is the wife of Samuel Dewhurst, of Carlisle township, and they have three children: Wilfred, Mabel and James E.; Frank A. resides in Michigan; Nelson Orr is married, and makes his home at Avon Lake, Lorain county (he has one child, Carlotta); Lila died in 1888 at the age of eleven years.

HENRY DE LLOYD, who for the past twenty-five years has been prominently identified with Lorain county, and known far and near as a successful fast-horse trainer and speeder, is a native of England, born May 26, 1846, in Shropshire. He is a son of Henry and Sarah (Capper) De Lloyd, of the same county, both of whom died there.

The subject of this memoir received his education at the parish schools of his native county, and from early boyhood has been with and among horses; indeed, it may truly be said of him that what he does not know about that noble animal is not worth knowing. In England, where fast horses are run less "mechanically," probably, than in this country, he followed the business of trainer, and also rode in steeple-chases and other races, when a boy, sitting the saddle with the ease and confidence of a veteran. In 1867 he immigrated to the United States and to Ohio, making a settlement in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, where he has since been engaged in farming in connection with his other business interests. He owns a good half-mile track, laid out about eight years ago, and at the present time has some nine or ten horses, besides colts, training on it. He has some animals with good records, including a colt, "Dolwood," a "Standard," one of the best-bred in

Northern Ohio. Mr. De Lloyd has made several races in both Ohio and Michigan. His farm in Ridgeville township is all well improved and highly cultivated, and is devoted to cereals and root crops.

Mr. De Lloyd was united in marriage with Miss Emma J. Hudson, born in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Colly) Hudson, natives of England, the father of Cambridgeshire, the mother of Yorkshire, and both early immigrants to Ohio, their first home in the New World being in Cleveland, their last one in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, where they died. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. De Lloyd, namely: Leonard (married to Miss Esther Fortune, and now residing in Ridgeville township), Hudson, Martin and Lee. Politically our subject is a prominent Republican, active in the interests of the party, and served as president of the school board nine consecutive years. Socially he is connected with Elyria Lodge, No. 103, I. O. O. F., and the Encampment; also of the Knights of the Maccabees at Ridgeville, being a charter member of both Societies.

ANDREW OSBORN, one of the oldest and most prominent of the agricultural citizens of Columbia township, is a native of Ohio, born in Summit county in 1823, a son of Joseph and Phila (Ball) Osborn, of Connecticut.

About the year 1811 Joseph Osborn, father of subject, came from the "Nutmeg State" to Ohio, making the journey in four weeks on foot, and after locating in Brimfield township, Portage county, returned for his wife, whom he had left behind in Connecticut. From Portage they moved to Summit county, same State, whence they came, in 1836, to Columbia township, Lorain county, and hewed out a new home in the wild woods. He was a useful man in his day, serving as trustee and assessor of Columbia township, of which he was a resident half a century. He was born at Waterbury, Conn., May 13, 1794, and died August 27, 1887, at the advanced age of ninety-three years, three months; he had served in the war of 1812, and was the recipient of a pension. Before coming to Columbia township he built the locks at Akron, Ohio, and helped to raise the first building. Mr. Osborn was twice married, first time to Phila Ball, who bore him three children: Andrew, subject of sketch; Phebe Ann, deceased at the age of thirteen; and Hannah, wife of Ormal Smith, of Olmsted township, Cuyahoga county. The mother of these died in 1831, and in 1832 Mr. Osborn married, in Summit county, Roba Harrington, who died April 17, 1875. Grandfather Andrew Osborn was a native of Connecticut, born of English ancestry.

The subject of this sketch was thirteen years old when he came with his parents to Lorain county, and as a consequence he received part of his education in Summit county, Ohio, and part in Columbia township, Lorain county. Since coming to Columbia he has lived with his father upon the old homestead, his present place, comprising 180 acres of well-cultivated land, where he is engaged in general agriculture. In September, 1843, he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Ives, daughter of Albert and Betsy (Russell) Ives, natives, the father of Connecticut, the mother of New York, who became early settlers of Columbia township, Lorain county, where they passed the rest of their days. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Osborn: George, married to Mrs. Mary (Hill) Harrington; Joseph, married to Jessie Jasper, and has one child, Bertha; Charley, who married Lizzie Yurman, and has two children, Lilly and Leon; Phila, married to Warren Goodman, and has two children, Guy and Forest; Mary, wife of George Howard, of

Columbia township, has three children, Emma, Vivian and Clare; Frank, born November 6, 1851, died at the age of nineteen, and three that died in infancy. In his political predilections Mr. Osborn was originally a Whig, and, since the formation of the party, has been a straight Republican. He and his wife have now for half a century traveled together the highway of life; and it is the earnest wish of their many friends that they may be spared to see many more anniversaries of the commencement of their married life.

A. J. SNYDER. This gentleman, who for many years was a successful tradesman, is now justly classed among the progressive farmer citizens of Lorain county.

He was born November 12, 1828, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Penn., and is a son of Joseph Snyder, a farmer, who was born in Lancaster, Penn., July 1, 1791, and died January 8, 1872. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was twice married, the name of his first wife being unknown. For his second he married Mrs. Elizabeth Millet, a widow, *née* Noaker, who was born July 5, 1792, and she became the mother of the subject of this sketch. The parents both died in Schuylkill county, Penn. Grandfather Snyder, whose name was also Joseph, was a native of Germany, and came to Lancaster, Penn., immediately after marriage.

A. J. Snyder received a good practical common-school education in reading and writing, mathematics being entirely omitted. When about sixteen years of age he was bound out as an apprentice for three and one-half years to Edward Finney, a shoemaker in Danville, Columbia (now in Montour) Co., Penn., with whom he remained from June 23, 1845, to March 1, 1848, at which time, having effected a compromise with Finney, he purchased his freedom. With what little money he had saved from his earnings he proceeded to Northumberland, then to Port Carbon, thence to Pottsville, in all of which places he followed his trade, successfully. While in Port Carbon he was married, August 21, 1849, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Plunket, daughter of Michael and Mary Plunket. Their wedding tour was made with a horse and buggy, and by the time they reached home they found themselves absolutely penniless, so poor was he when he plunged into the sea of matrimony. In the spring of 1850 Mr. and Mrs. Snyder came to Ohio, being accompanied by her parents, making among themselves quite a party of immigrants. They had some time previously started for Ohio, but were detained at Hollidaysburg, Penn., where Mr. Snyder worked at his trade. On their journey westward the party passed through Canton, New Lisbon, Massillon, Wooster and Ashland, finally halting at Plymouth, where our subject found himself forty dollars in debt. He worked at his trade in Norwalk and New Haven, and again at Plymouth, in the latter place for eleven years, saving a little money there, and providing a home for the family. Here he lost his first wife, she dying January 1, 1859, and here she was buried; she left three children, viz.: Lucinda A., now Mrs. Samuel Markle, of Ashland, Ohio; Willis, a farm laborer of Miami county, Ohio; and Antoinetta, now Mrs. Morris Risser, of Ashland, Ohio. For his second wife Mr. Snyder married, October 15, 1859, Mrs. Melinda Shurter, a widow, and two children, both deceased in infancy, were born to this union. Mrs. Melinda Synder died December 18, 1861, and our subject on March 31, 1863, married Miss Mary Quinn, who bore him two children (twins): One deceased in infancy, and William, now in Bloominggrove township, Richland Co., Ohio. Mrs. Mary Snyder died January 4, 1864, and January 1, 1865, the thrice-bereaved husband wedded Miss Lydia

Simonson, by whom there were two children: Joseph G., a farmer of Richland county, Ohio, and Bertha M., who died at the age of fifteen years. This wife passed away December 21, 1872, and for his fifth and present spouse Mr. Snyder married, September 4, 1873, Miss Victoria McMillen, of Oliversburg, Richland Co., Ohio. To this last marriage five children were born, to wit: Etta A., deceased at the age of nine years; and Carlos L., Leroy V., Autha P. and Ralph V., all at home.

In Plymouth our subject made his home until 1861; then lived on a farm a short time, after which he moved to Shelby, Ohio, where for a brief period he worked at his trade; thence went to a farm in Bloominggrove township, Richland county, and then again resided in Shelby a short time. In the spring of 1865 he came to Lorain county, settling in Rochester township, where he had purchased of Erastus Knapp 150 acres of prime land (his present home), on which he has made many improvements. Mr. Snyder is not only a good farmer, but a systematic business man, keeping a regular set of books, showing expenditure and revenue in all his dealings ever since he commenced on his present farm. Politically he is a zealous Republican, taking a lively interest in the affairs of the party, and has been a delegate to various county conventions. In Church relationship he is a member of the M. E. Church, his wife being a Baptist.

J. B. PARKER, a prominent business man of North Amherst, well-known in insurance circles, is a native of the State of New York, born October 28, 1830, in Lexington, Greene county. He is a son of Abram and Elizabeth (Buel) Parker, of the same county, the former of whom, a farmer by occupation, and a Democrat in politics, died in April, 1852, the latter dying in Williamstown, Oswego county, N. Y., in October, 1864, and was buried in Jewett, Greene county, N. Y.

J. B. Parker received his education at the district schools of his native place, and was reared on his father's farm. In 1856 he moved to Wayne county, Penn., where he had charge of a store, and was bookkeeper for Morse, Martin & Co. (later Morse, Cook & Co.) until 1862, when he proceeded to Williamstown, Oswego county, N. Y., and engaged in general merchandising, continuing in business there until 1869, the year he came to New London, Ohio. In that town he remained till 1874, and then moved to North Amherst, where he has since resided, intimately identified with the business interests of the place.

In 1851 Mr. Parker was married, in Greene county, N. Y., to Miss Louisa Benjamin, who died without issue, and in 1855 he became united in marriage with Mrs. S. C. Pain, *née* Wolcott, by which union there were four children (two of whom are yet living), viz.: (1) Metta A., widow of J. B. Norton, of Amherst; (2) Lillie and (3) Willie, twins (the former of whom died in Williamstown, Oswego county, N. Y., the latter in Ledge Dale, Wayne Co., Penn.), and (4) Carrie E., wife of E. E. Kimmel, residing at Cedar Valley, Iowa. Mr. Parker is a Democrat of the first water, and was elected a justice of the peace in 1891; is now serving his second term as notary public, and has been a member of the town council. In his fire, life and accident insurance business, in which he has been engaged the past six years, he represents, among other offices, the Glens Falls, Manchester, North Western and National and Wayne County Fire Companies, besides the New York Life and National Life of Vermont. In addition to all this he is secretary of the North Amherst Shear Co., incorporated December 18, 1890, with which he has been connected since its organization. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church, in

the Sunday-school work of which, and in the choir, he has taken much personal interest.

Mrs. Parker was born September 4, 1830, in Lexington, Greene Co., N. Y., a daughter of Reuben I. and Artemesia (Buel) Wolcott, natives of New York, who in 1831 came west to Huron county, Ohio, making their residence for a time in Fitchville, thence moving to Ruggles township (now in Ashland county). The mother departed this life in Huron county, Ohio, in 1842, the father in Ruggles township (then in Huron county) in 1863 or '64. He was a farmer of prominence, and in his day an active politician, first as a Whig, afterward as a Republican. Mrs. Parker was educated in Oberlin, and has been twice married, as already recorded. Mr. Parker's grandfather, William Parker, a native of Connecticut, was a drummer boy in the Revolutionary war; in after life he settled in Lexington, Greene Co., N. Y. Her grandfather, Munson Buel, also a native of Connecticut, moved in an early day to Lexington, Greene Co., N. Y., and died at the advanced age of eighty-two; he was a cloth dresser by trade, and also owned a flour and grist mill.

JACOB SCHAIBLE, in his day a well-known Lorain county pioneer, was born March 27, 1807, in Boulanden, Wurtemberg, Germany, and died February 7, 1874.

When but five or six years old he lost both of his parents by death, leaving him and his only brother, Michael, orphans. After the death of the parents, his grandmother, on the mother's side, undertook the care of the two little boys, and gave them both a common-school education.

Jacob took up the pursuit of farming (and it was in this career that he grew up to manhood), in which he was eminently successful. In January, 1834, he was united in marriage with Miss Catharine B. Ramsayer, granddaughter of the then eminent physician and surgeon, C. H. von Ottein, who had engaged the best teachers money could procure and gave her a good education. Mr. Schaible, with his young wife, settled on his estates, on which he had made many improvements after his majority, and as they both liked country life their home life was attractive and pleasant. Nothing, in fact, marred their every-day life until in the fall of the year 1846, when Mr. Schaible was suddenly stricken down with an illness so severe that his life hung in the balance for many a day; finally, however, his strong constitution prevailed over the disease, although he did not fully recover his former health. Then his attending physician and several other physicians held a consultation, and their unanimous decision was that Mr. Schaible should take a sea voyage for the restoration of his health.

Accordingly in May, 1848, with his wife and five children, Mr. Schaible wended his way toward the seaport of Havre, took passage there on a sailing ship, and after a tempestuous voyage of seven weeks landed at New York. Their stay there was of short duration, for they soon turned in the direction of Ohio, taking steamer on the Hudson river as far as Albany; from there in a canal boat to Buffalo, thence to Cleveland, whence they came directly to Elyria, arriving there August 1, 1848. The three months' travel restored Mr. Schaible to his former health. Elyria was then but a mere village, straggling out over several streets of mud and underbrush, and the only approaches at that time were by the way of lake and stage coach.

Mr. Schaible soon after his arrival purchased land one mile west of Elyria, built a small house and settled on his farm, which was nearly all covered with underbrush and forest. He immediately began to clear and improve his property until he had one of the best farms in the county, also buying more land from time to time until he had some three or four hundred acres of well-improved land at the time of his death. He was honest and indus-

trious, kind and obliging, and his name became the synonym for integrity and uprightness. Being temperate in his habits, he was a rare specimen of the hardy pioneer. He was a faithful member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church from early youth, and for many years was its stanchest supporter. In the family he was a loving husband, a kind and indulgent father. His faithful wife, who had so long shared his joys and sorrows, preceded him but eight weeks in death. His remains were placed beside those of his wife in Murry Ridge Cemetery, in the bosom of mother earth, in full hope of a glorious resurrection.

Mr. Schaible left four sons and five daughters to mourn his loss, viz.: Agnes B. Theiss, of Cleveland; Margaretha M. Limb, of Wooster; J. Frederich Schaible, who died February 12, 1875; C. Henrietta Krieger, of Wooster, Ohio; Jacob E Schaible, of Elyria; Carrie Schaible, Charles H. Schaible, John G. Schaible and Sophia C. Schaible, all of Elyria.

JACOB E. SCHAIBLE was born in Germany, and was but two years old when he came with his father to this country. He now lives on his farm of 140 acres on West Ridge, and is one of the most thorough farmers in Lorain county. Mr. Schaible has over sixteen thousand tile under ground, and has one of the best-improved farms. He and his two children are members of St. Paul's Church.

In 1886 he took a trip across the ocean, and visited the principal cities in England, France and Germany, spending some time in his native country.

ELIAS BAUMHART, one of the leading, most prosperous and enterprising agriculturists of Black River township, is a native of Erie county, Ohio, born in 1845.

His father, Capt. Adam Baumhart, was born in Hessia, Germany, whence at the age of fourteen years he came to America and to Erie county, Ohio, with his father, Elias Baumhart. In 1846 Adam moved to Black River township, Lorain county. He was married in Erie county to Christina Herwig, daugher of Jacob and Catherine (Blech) Herwig, all of Hessia, Germany, who came to tho United States when Christina was eight years old. They were nine weeks crossing the ocean. Jacob Herwig was a miller in the Fatherland, but in this country he followed farming. He died in 1873, his wife in 1853. Capt. Adam and Christina Baumhart are the parents of eleven children, viz.: Emeline, wife of Benjamin Claus, of Brownhelm township; Elias, subject of sketch; Jacob, deceased at the age of two years; Henry, who died when aged fifteen years; Catherine, wife of Charles Hohn, of Black River township, Lorain county; Armina, at home with her parents; Martha, wife of Henry Furber, of Erie county, Ohio; Adam, Jr., studying medicine at the University of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Edward, who died when five years old; Jacob, on his father's farm in Brownhelm township, and James, also a farmer in that township. The parents are yet residing in Brownhelm township, highly respected and honored.

Elias Baumhart received his education at the district schools of Black River township, whither he was brought when an infant. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and after attaining his majority bought fifty-six acres of land, which he cleared. This he subsequently rented, and bought his present fine farm of 240 acres, well watered by a good creek and equipped with all necessary buildings. In December, 1869, Mr. Baumhart was united in marriage, in Brownhelm township, Lorain county, with Miss Amelia Lutz, who died March 16, 1873, the mother of two children: Charles and Thomas, the latter of whom died when eight months old. On April 12, 1874, our subject married, in

Black River township, Lorain county, for his second wife, Miss Margaret Jacobs, a native of that township, and daughter of Peter and Dora (Smith) Jacobs. To this union have been born six children, viz.: Della, Benwill, Nelson, Armina, Robert, and Edward, who died when seven months old. The parents are members of the Evangelical Church; in politics Mr. Baumhart is a Democrat, and has served his township as trustee.

WILLIAM A. BATES. William Bates, the paternal grandsire of our subject, was born and reared in Connecticut, but passed the greater portion of his life in Lewis county, N. Y., near the town of Lowville. His vocation in life was that of a farmer. He married Mrs. Sarah Woods, and the results of this union were ten children; by a previous marriage five were born.

In about 1836, then in his seventy-fifth year, he removed to the then wilds of Ohio, whither several of his sons had preceded him a year. The journey was made overland, the means of locomotion being four strong horses, and the conveyance a large covered wagon, into which were crowded the family and many personal effects. The remaining years of his life were passed with his children, all of whom were located in Lorain county, Ohio. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary war, bravely fought for liberty as a trooper, and was commended by his officer for gallantry and bravery in the battle against the British at Sacket's Harbor. He departed this life in 1848, at the age of eighty-four years. His good wife survived him some thirteen years, and was a like number of years his junior. She also lived to the age of eighty-four, and was remarkably well preserved and hale, in fact, a few months previous to her demise she thought but little of a walk of a half mile. They were formerly Presbyterians, but after removing to Ohio they joined the Methodists, and they were exemplary Christian people. The following children accompanied and located in Lorain county, with their father: Francis, Ottis, Bennett, Hannah, Moses, Lyman, Thaxter, Norton and Charles, all now deceased, Bennett being the last to pass away, dying in December, 1892. The father of these was a Highland Scotchman, and was a man of giant-like dimensions, being six and one-half feet in stature, and weighing over three hundred pounds. His sons averaged six feet in height, and were of massive proportions.

Francis Bates, the father of subject, was born in Lewis county, N. Y., in 1800, and was there reared. He was possessed of skill in the use of tools of any sort, but his attention chiefly turned toward farming, and the trade of shoemaking. In 1835, at the age of about thirty-five years, he gathered together his savings and started for the then wilds of Ohio, almost immediately on his arrival locating upon a tract of fifty acres in the western portion of Lorain county. To pay for the land he was employed at working for others, his leisure being used in the clearing of his own land. At that period the wages received "at clearing" were fifty cents to seventy-five cents per day. At the time of his advent into this then "wilderness" there were several log houses in Camden township. In 1820 he married Miss Maria Obits, a lady of German parentage, though of American birth, and a native of the same county as her husband. To this union were born four sons and one daughter, namely: Nelson, Sallie Ann, Justin, Elbirge and William A. Of these the last mentioned and Justin, a prominent citizen of the Hawkeye State, are the only ones living. Francis Bates was, politically, an Old-line Whig, an earnest Abolitionist, and religiously a devout member of the Methodist Church, as was also his faithful wife. Both were well and kindly known

throughout a large community, and their deeds of charity are traditional in many of the pioneer homes of the county. In October, 1858, Francis Bates departed this life, his wife following him to eternal rest in 1869.

William A. Bates, the subject proper of this memoir, was born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., and there reared to the age of fourteen, when he came west with his parents to Ohio. Here he attended school in the old log school building with its slab benches and other primitive furnishings. Soon, however, he was compelled to shoulder his portion of the labor of clearing his father's land, and working for others to assist in the payment of the indebtedness, into which his father had gone in the purchase of same. For such work he received twelve dollars per acre cleared, and, for only chopping or felling the timber, six dollars per acre. Mr. Bates' health was never robust, and he received many setbacks in his progress even in his youth, because of this misfortune. When about twenty-seven he had about two hundred dollars, all saved from his earnings, and he then linked his fortunes with those of Miss Sarah Sigsworth, the date of their marriage being June 29, 1848. She is the daughter of Thomas Sigsworth (now deceased), who was one of the first, if not the first, of Camden township's citizens. He was a native of England, and by many of the older residents of Camden he is remembered as an industrious, loyal, thoroughly esteemed citizen. To our subject and wife were born children as follows: S. Olive, William Duane, Efla M., Mary A., Francis W., Elma R., Willnettie and L. Clemant; the first three were born in Ohio and died in infancy, the others were born in Iowa. Of these Mary A. is the wife of Floyd Twining, of Henrietta township; Francis W. and Elma R. reside at home with their parents; Willnettie (Mrs. Edward Bell) is a resident of North Royalton, Ohio; L. Clemant is a successful clerk in Lorain, Lorain county. In October, 1854, thinking a change of climate would benefit his health, he removed to the then new State of Iowa; accompanied by his wife he made the trip in a covered wagon. After remaining in Iowa thirteen years, he returned to Ohio in May, 1867.

Mr. Bates has been a successful agriculturist, and is highly respected throughout his wide acquaintance. He has given his children the advantage of a good education, and that they appreciate the efforts of their parents in their behalf is shown in their devotion to them, in these their declining years. Mr. Bates is a Republican, politically, and takes an active and intelligent interest in local and national affairs, and has held several local offices. His farm displays the hand of enterprise and thrift, the many improvements bespeaking well his praise. Mrs. Bates and other members of the family are earnest and devout members of the Methodist Church.

WESLEY HASTINGS, a worthy representative of one of the earliest pioneer families of Penfield township, is a native of Wilna, Jefferson Co., N. Y., born December 21, 1822.

He is a son of Curtice and Pattie (Groves) Hastings, the former of whom was born in Vermont, and when a young man removed to New York State, where he married and had children as follows: Ashley, who was accidentally killed by the explosion of a signal gun in LaGrange township, Lorain Co., Ohio; Wesley, subject of this sketch; and Submit, Mrs. Lyman Crane, of Chatham Center, Medina Co., Ohio. Curtice Hastings followed the carpenter's trade, for which he had a natural inclination, and in 1825 came west to Ohio, in company with Henry Townsend, walking the entire distance from New York State. He visited in Harrisville and Lodi, and, after looking over the

land in Lorain and Medina counties, returned home. In June, 1826, he set out for Ohio with his family, being a long time on the road, as they drove the entire distance, and their team was the first one to enter the township. They made their home at the house of a family named Holcomb until their cabin of logs and bark was erected on the tract which Mr. Hastings had bargained for, which at that time was a dense wilderness, abounding with wild animals; and many were the exciting adventures and narrow escapes which the pioneers had in these forests. Their cabin was a rude one, and for the first year had no floor, and neither door nor window. At first they had to go a long distance east to have their milling done, hauling the grist on a sled drawn by oxen, the journey occupying five days and nights, and marked trees being their only guide, as there were no roads.

After locating in LaGrange township the family was increased by the following members: E. H. and E. G. (twins), who were the first white male children born in the township; Samuel, a farmer of LaGrange township; a daughter that died in infancy; Edson, now a farmer of LaGrange township; and a son, who was adopted in infancy, on the death of his mother, by the Dreher family of Grafton township, who moved to Utah and joined the Mormons, which was the last heard of them and the child. Mrs. Hastings was interred in East cemetery, LaGrange township, and for his second wife Mr. Hastings married Asenath Amie, who bore him one child, Frank, who served in the Civil war (he died in LaGrange township). After coming west Mr. Hastings engaged in agriculture, and also continued to follow the carpenter trade, erecting many of the first gristmills in his section. He also conducted the sawmill at Rawsonville for some time, and he was the builder of the Jonathan Rawson mill that stood at Grafton Station. He began to prosper, accumulated property, and at the time of his death was in very comfortable circumstances. His second wife preceded him to the grave. Politically he was a Democrat.

Wesley Hastings was but a child of four years when he came to Ohio, at which time, and for several years following, there were no schools of any kind in his district. The first one opened was of the subscription variety, but he was unable to attend even this regularly, as his services were needed at home. He was reared to agricultural life on the pioneer farm, and learned the trade of a carpenter under his father. On April 2, 1842, he was united in marriage with Miss Elmira Loomis, a native of Jefferson county, N. Y., daughter of Justin and Sally (Sillick) Loomis, who came to LaGrange township in an early day, locating on Vermont street. To this union were born children as follows: Charles, a carpenter, in the employ of the D. L. Wadsworth Lumber Co., of Wellington, Ohio; and Irwin, who died young. After his marriage our subject located on Vermont street, LaGrange township, where he remained for a year, and then removed to a farm directly opposite this place and separated from it by the Black river. Here he lived four years, with Dorias Holcomb, a brother-in-law, in a house which they erected, thence moving to his present farm in Penfield township, where he has now had his home for over fifty years. The section was then a vast wilderness, and here Mr. Hastings purchased fifty acres at six dollars per acre, to which he has since added, and all of which has been cleared and improved by his own labor. In connection with farming he continued to follow his trade until 1875, and he has erected more buildings in his section than any other man living; he has also worked in other parts of the county. For a number of years he has given his principal attention to farming, and, though he has passed his threescore and ten years, he is yet capable of doing a good day's work. In political matters Mr. Hastings has always sympathized with the Democratic party,

although he voted for Abraham Lincoln; in former years he took considerable interest in party affairs, and served in various local offices. He is a highly respected citizen of the community, and now, after many years of toil and hardship, enjoys a comfortable competence.

ELI A. TURNEY, a thoroughly representative farmer and influential citizen of Amherst township, is a native of Ohio, born in Lake county, March 23, 1815.

The father of subject was born in Fairfield, Conn., October 15, 1759, and was married to Polly Downes, who was born in Reading, same State, December 2, 1768. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, his first enlistment being in 1777, and his first battle at Danbury, his second at Black Rock, both in Connecticut; later he served in the baggage train of the army till the close of the war. From the year 1832 to the close of his life he was in receipt of a pension from the Government of eight dollars per month. While a resident of Connecticut he was for a time a sailor on merchant ships, trading with the West Indies. In 1809 he came to Ohio, and bought 100 acres of wild land in Madison township, Lake county, which he improved; later he purchased 160 acres in Perry township, Lake county, and finally another seventy acres in Madison township, aggregating 330 acres, of which he gave to each of three sons 100 acres. In politics he was an Old-line Whig, his first vote being cast for George Washington, in Connecticut; after coming to Madison, he served as trustee of that township. He died April 5, 1833, aged seventy-three years, five months and twenty days; his wife on October 9, 1835, aged sixty-six years, ten months and twenty-three days; they were members of the Baptist Church. To this honored pioneer couple were born children as follows: Daniel Turney, a farmer, born May 11, 1788, died March 9, 1841, in Lake county, Ohio, whither he had come on foot from Connecticut; Phebe Turney, born March 9, 1791, who was married to Erial Cook, and died in Lake county, March 4, 1852; David Turney, born December 25, 1794, died in Lake county, March 5, 1826, aged thirty-one years, two months ten days; George Washington Turney, born March 13, 1797, died in Lake county, February 19, 1830; Charlany Turney, born August 20, 1799, married James Gage, and died in Lake county, in June, 1829; Asa Squire Turney, born March 20, 1804, died in Lake county, February 16, 1886 (he was a minister of the Disciple Church); Marvin Turney, born in Connecticut, August 11, 1807, who resided on a farm in Dearborn township, Wayne Co., Mich., where he settled in 1834, until his death, which occurred April 28, 1893, when he was aged eighty-six years; and Eli A., subject of sketch.

Eli A. Turney received his education at the public schools of Lake county, Ohio, which were first held in a blockhouse, afterward in a log house, and he was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed for some time. He then engaged in shipbuilding at Black River, Sandusky, Vermillion, Huron and Milan, lake port towns of Lorain and Erie counties, Ohio. Subsequently he entered the Freewill Baptist ministry, was licensed to preach in 1850, and ordained in June, 1856, ever since which he has been a minister in that church as a member of the Freewill Baptist Association. In 1833 Mr. Turney moved to Lorain county, and to Amherst township, where he bought 118 acres of wild land, which he improved, erecting thereon the first log house he ever saw built, and, contrary to the prevailing custom of those days, no whiskey was used during the work. Prior to coming to Lorain county he resided for a time in Geauga county, same State.

On May 12, 1833, our subject married, in Ridgeville, Ohio, Minerva Seeley, a native of Tioga county, N. Y., born September 15, 1815. The result of this union was seven children, of whom the following

is a brief record: Albert Turney, who was educated at Oberlin, Ohio, is now a resident of Bowling Green, Wood Co., Ohio; he married Hannah Harris, of Oberlin, and has two daughters: Sophia and Cory. Cyrena R. Turney became the wife of Perry Belden, of Amherst, and died in 1860. La Fayette Turney, born April 6, 1838, was educated at Amherst, and lives at Grand Rapids, Ohio, where he is a salesman; he has three children, one of whom, E.E. Turney, is studying for the ministry. David M. Turney, born March 20, 1848, a railroad man, lives in Kansas. Mary, born July 10, 1853, is the wife of Frank Bissell, of Columbus, Ohio. Henry Turney died in Lorain county October 21, 1858. Charles Wesley Turney, born October 1, 1841, died at the age of fourteen months. The mother of these died May 29, 1868, and September 11, 1869, Mr. Turney married Mrs. Arvilla (Crocker) Brauch, who was born in North Amherst, Ohio, daughter of Roswell and Perlina (Barnes) Crocker, the father a native of New York, the mother of Becket, Mass. They came to Lorain county, Ohio, in 1817, locating near Amherst, but in 1834 moved to Madison, Lake county, where Mr. Crocker died in 1868, his widow in 1880, at the age of eighty years. They reared a family of eight children, as follows: Eliza, widow of O. Barney, of North Amherst; Alonzo and Lorenzo (twins), born in 1819, the latter of whom died at the age of sixty-eight; Arvilla, wife of subject; Fannie, whose husband, Dr. Martin Luce, died of cholera on Sand Bar in the Ohio river; John W., a resident of Lake county, Ohio; Hulda, wife of D. D. Fox, of Doylestown, Wis.; and Erastus W., a resident of Hawaii, Sandwich Islands. Mrs. Turney is the oldest living lady born in Amherst township. In 1840 she was married to S. G. Brauch, of Madison, Lake Co., Ohio, and three children were born to them, viz.: E. P., married and residing in Florida (he served in the Civil war); W. S., in Dakota; and Fannie, wife of C. M. Parsons, of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Brauch died in 1863.

In politics Mr. Turney is a Republican-Prohibitionist, and cast his vote for W. H. Harrison in 1840; he has been a member of the school board for years. He is a member of the Freewill Baptist Church, Mrs Turney of the Congregational Church.

PHILIP SIPPEL, well-known in Lorain county and elsewhere as a prominent contractor and builder, is a native of Hessia, Germany, born July 20, 1831. He is a son of George and Mary (Schaffer) Sippel, who both died in Germany, the father in 1836, the mother in 1871, at the age of seventy-seven years; they were members of the German Presbyterian Church.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of his native land, and in 1853 came to the United States, landing in New York with but three dollars left, which he afterward gave to a less fortunate comrade, who was unable to secure work. Our subject, finding employment in New York, saved his earnings, and when he had laid by enough to carry him westward, set out for Lorain county, Ohio, and, in about three months after first setting foot on American soil, he found himself settled in the then village of North Amherst, which has since been his home. In the Fatherland he had learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, and for some time followed it in this country. Having bought a farm, he laid aside his trade for a time, and followed agricultural pursuits, but selling the property he resumed carpentry, at which he made a success. Mr. Sippel is now recognized as the leading contractor and builder of North Amherst, having the full confidence of the community, and has been the architect and builder of the M. E. and Presbyterian churches, besides various business blocks.

In 1856 Mr. Sippel was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Keller. Polit-

ically he is a Democrat, and for nine years was a member of the board of education, was township trustee one term, and served his town as treasurer six years. Socially he is a member of the K. of P. and I. O. O. F., in which latter he has passed all the Chairs.

E. BIGLOW, proprietor of the West View Tile and Brick Works, is a native of Lorain county, born in Columbia township in 1845, a son of Daniel and Martha L. (Stranahan) Biglow, also of Columbia township, where both are yet living.

Ephraim Biglow, grandfather of subject, was born in Massachusetts, whence when a boy he moved to Maine, from there to New York, and from there migrated to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in Columbia township, where he passed the rest of his days.

E. Biglow, the subject proper of this sketch, received a liberal education at the public schools of his native township, and lived on a farm up to the age of twenty-eight, when he embarked in mercantile business in West View, Cuyahoga county, continuing in same till the spring of 1893. In 1880 he became the proprietor of the West View Tile and Brick Works, which were built in 1880 for the manufacture of all kinds of brick and tile; they do the most extensive business and have the largest plant of any concern of the kind in the county. The capacity of the works is 400,000 brick each season, with a corresponding capacity for tile, and they generally have on hand a large supply of both products. The storage room is three stories high, 40 x 64, with a wing, two stories, 24 x 80; engine-room 20 x 24; drying shed 18 x 64, heated by steam pipes throughout; clay house, a brick building, 26 x 30, located on the "Big Four" Railroad, with side track running to the works. There is also an iron track for carrying clay.

In 1874 Mr. Biglow was married in Columbia township, Lorain county, to Miss C. R. Osborn, daughter of Asahel Banner and Sophronia (Scales) Osborn, all natives of that township; both parents are deceased. To this union there is one child, Ernest O., at present attending Berea College. In politics Mr. Biglow is a Republican, and for eighteen years he served as postmaster at West View. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church of that town, and they are held in the highest respect by all who know them.

DANIEL BIGLOW, a prominent, native-born agriculturist of Columbia township, first saw the light in the year 1820.

His parents, Ephraim and Nancy (Frink) Biglow, were natives of Massachusetts and Connecticut, respectively, and were married in New York State, whence, in 1816, they migrated westward to Ohio, coming with a team. They located in the woods of Columbia township, Lorain county, where they passed the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1838, the mother in 1861. He was an ardent advocate of the principles of the Whig party, voting for Thomas Jefferson, and took an active interest in the politics of his day. Mr. and Mrs. Biglow had a family of eight children, but two of whom are now living, viz.: Daniel, the subject of this sketch, and Amasa, married, who resides in Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio.

Daniel Biglow was reared and educated in his native township, and during his early youth aided in clearing the home farm. He has made agriculture his life vocation. In 1852 he settled on his present farm, then consisting of seventy-eight acres, which he has since improved and from time to time added to until he now has 137 acres, 110 of which are cleared

and in a good state of cultivation. In 1844 Mr. Biglow was married, in Columbia township, to Miss M. L. Stranahan, daughter of Joshua C. and Mary (Mason) Stranahan, natives of Connecticut, where the mother died; in an early day the father came to Columbia township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he passed away in 1859. To this union were born three children, two of whom are living, namely: Ephraim, residing in West View, who is married and has one child, Ernest; and G. J., residing at home. In political matters our subject is a Republican, and has served as trustee of Columbia township. He is one of the three oldest residents of same. Mrs. Biglow is a member of the Baptist Church.

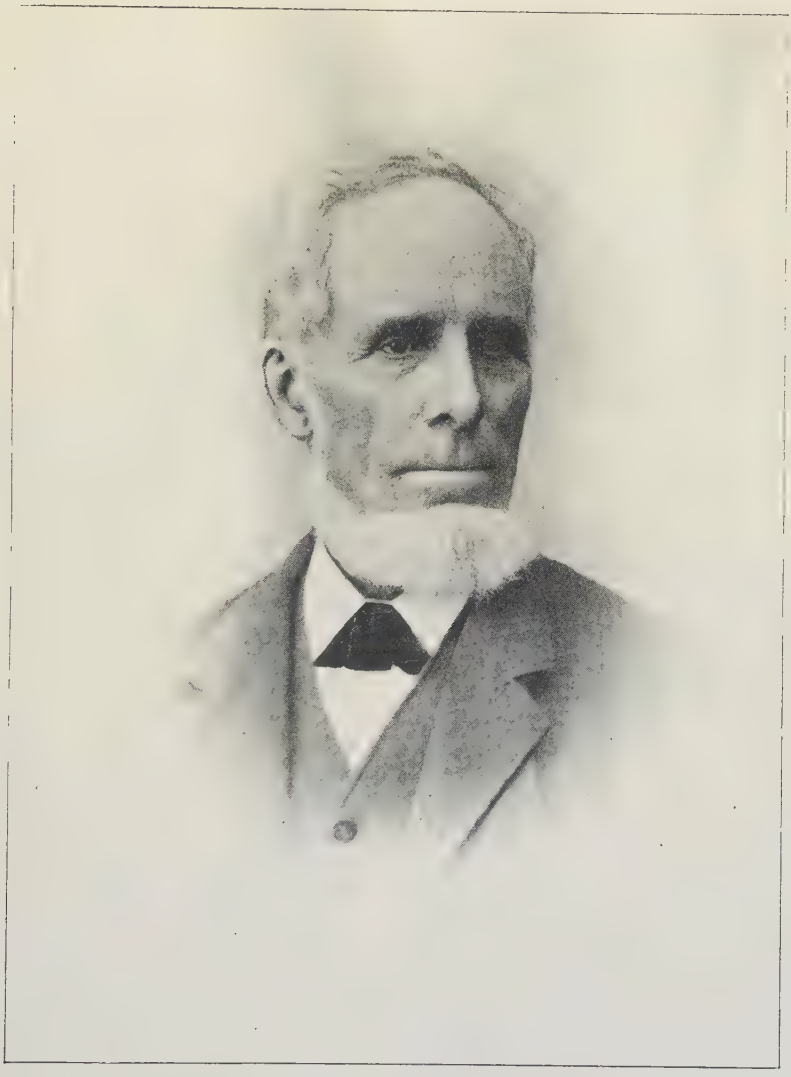
PETER FORTHOFER, a prominent farmer citizen of Avon township, and trustee of same, is a native of Bavaria, Germany, born July 14, 1841.

He is a son of John and Joanna (Schwartz) Forthofer, of the same locality, who in 1853 immigrated with their family to the United States, coming to Ohio and locating in Dover township, Cuyahoga county, for five years, and thence moving to Avon township, Lorain county. Here the father, who was a lifelong farmer, died in 1880, the mother in 1885. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Joseph, who died in Avon township in 1891; John, married, residing in Avon township; Mary Susan, wife of George Nagel (both deceased in 1893), and Peter.

The subject of this commemorative article was twelve years old when he came from Bavaria to America, so that he was partly educated in his native land and partly in this country. On coming to Avon township he engaged in farm labor, and was so employed until 1868, when he settled in same township on his present farm, which then consisted of fifty-four acres of partly-improved land, which he has since improved and added to until now it is a fine property of 193 acres, all under excellent cultivation. In 1865 Mr. Forthofer was married, in Sheffield township, Lorain county, to Miss Margaret Friedman, daughter of George and Margaret (Miller) Friedman, all natives of Bavaria, who immigrated to America, first locating in Ravenna, Ohio, and thence in 1852 moving to Sheffield township. In 1865 they finally settled in Mercer county, Ohio, where Mr. Friedman died in 1869, Mrs. Friedman in April, 1885. To our subject and wife were born ten children, as follows: Mary, wife of George Bohland, of Dover, Ohio; George; Joseph, married, residing in Avon township; John; Anna, wife of George Conrod, of Avon township; Peter; Andrew; Maggie; Anton, and Jacob. The parents are members of the Catholic Church at Avon, and in politics Mr. Forthofer is a sound Democrat.

G. H. VAN WAGNEN, who for the past fifty-five years has been a leading agriculturist of Lorain county, is a native of the State of New York, born May 5, 1817, a son of Garrett C. and Mary (Welton) Van-Wagnen, natives of New Jersey.

They were married in New York State, whence in 1832 they moved to Portage county, Ohio, where they carried on farming, and reared a family of fifteen children, eight of whom are yet living, namely: Sally Ann, wife of Samuel Voorhees, of Elmira, N. Y.; Mary, widow of Ambrose Johnson, of Sullivan, Ashland Co., Ohio; G. H., our subject; Alonzo, married, and residing in Missouri; Evaline, widow of Madison Johelyn, late of Brownhelm township, Lorain county; Agnes, wife of Edward Frost, of Mantua, Portage Co., Ohio; Charles, married, residence Chi-



F. H Van Wagnen

cago, Ill.; and Sabrina, wife of Albert Hastings, of Kent, Portage Co., Ohio. The father of this family passed from earth in 1851, the mother surviving him till 1876.

The subject of our sketch was reared on a farm in New York State, and received his education at the schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth. In 1832 he came west to Ohio, making his home for a time in Portage county, and in the following year proceeded to Cleveland, where he learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked thirty years. In 1838 he came to Lorain county, plying his trade in Grafton and Eaton townships till 1848, in which year he bought ninety-six acres totally unimproved land in the wild woods of the last named township. This he set to work to reduce to a state of cultivation, subsequently adding to it thirty-eight acres, now presenting in the aggregate as fine a farm as can be found in the county. Here he carries on general agriculture, including the rearing of Holstein cattle.

In 1840 Mr. Van Wagnen was married in Grafton township, Lorain county, to Miss Lucinda Cornning, a native of New York, daughter of Nathan and Clarissa (Smith) Cornning, both of Connecticut, whence in 1832 they came to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in Grafton township, and here the father followed his trade, that of mechanic, up to the day of his death; he passed away about the year 1854, his wife surviving him some years, and dying in Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Wagnen were born seven children, as follows: (1) Welton, married, and residing in Michigan. (2) Clarissa, wife of C. G. Reynolds, of Tuscola county, Mich.; have four children: Ida Ettie, wife of George Clark, of Brighton, Lorain county (have two children: Tracey and an infant, unnamed), Hattie, Clark and Delos. (3) Irving, married and residing in Tuscola county, Mich.; have children as follows: Martin, Henry (married, and living in Michigan), Katie, Lo, Olive and Frederick. (4) Hattie, the wife of Thomas King, of Eaton township; their children are Eva, Grace, Myrtle, Clara, Minnie, Richard and Nellie. (5) Henry, a resident of Eaton township, a sketch of whom follows this. (6) Frank, married to Susan Chambers, and has three children, Lura, Cora and Gertrude. (7) Charles, twice married, first time to Elmira Bingham, and by her had one child, Ida; second wife Martha Bingham; he is a painter by trade, and they reside in Lorain. In politics our subject is an ardent Republican, and cast his first vote for William H. Harrison; he served his township as justice of the peace and as trustee several terms.

HENRY VAN WAGNEN, a prominent farmer of Eaton township, was born February 5, 1848, in La-Porte, Lorain county, son of G. H. and Lucinda (Cornning) Van-Wagnen, early pioneers of Lorain county.

Henry Van Wagnen was reared in Eaton township, where he received his education, and he has always followed agricultural pursuits. In 1884 he purchased a tract of sixty acres, which had been improved by John Allen, and here engaged in general farming. He was first married, in 1867, to Miss Clara Bennington, a native of Eaton township, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Robson) Bennington, early pioneers of Eaton township, where they died. To this union were born six children: Ada, George, Jennie (who married Edward Johnson, and has one child, Clara), Minnie, James and Alonzo. The mother of these children died in Michigan in 1881, and on July 3, 1884, Mr. Van Wagnen married, in Henrietta township, Miss Florence Kelly, a native of Henrietta township, Lorain county, daughter of Richard and Jane

(Peabody) Kelly, who reside in that township. To this union has been born one child, Dolly. In 1876 Mr. Van Wagnen went to Michigan, and engaged in farming in Tuscola county, where he remained until 1881; he was burned out in 1880. He is now engaged in general farming and stock raising, and makes a specialty of Cotswold sheep. He is a member of the Republican party.

TRUMAN MOORE, for about thirty years a mariner on the Great Lakes, fifteen as captain, is a native of Lorain county, born in Sheffield township December 1, 1844.

Theron Moore, grandfather of subject, came to Lorain county in about 1816, locating in what is now Avon township, whence he afterward moved to Wisconsin, where he died. His son, Theron, was born in Plattsburgh, N. Y., and came with his parents to Lorain county, where he was reared and educated. He was married in Avon township to Miss Delia Ann Case, a native of Ohio, and after marriage they made their home at a place called Lake Breeze, in Sheffield township. He was by occupation a sailor and ship builder in his younger days, but later in life followed agricultural pursuits on a farm in the last mentioned township. He died November 28, 1877, on board a vessel at Detroit. He was a Republican and a Methodist; his wife survived him till 1880, being called to her long home while living in Trumbull county, Ohio. Eleven children—four sons and seven daughters—were born to them, of whom the following is a brief record: Menzies died in Kansas November 6, 1881 (he was a sailor); Leonard is married and resides in Lorain; Elmina is the wife of Thomas Gawn, of Lorain; Amelia is the widow of John Faragher, of Sheffield township; Melvina died in childhood; Truman is the subject of this sketch; Charlotte is the wife of Bert Briggs, of New York; Maria is the wife of Mair Poynton, of Yellow Medicine county, Minn.; Bert died in childhood; Rowena is the wife of Theron Merry, of Kansas; Mary is the wife of W. A. Jewett, of Cleveland.

The subject of these lines received a liberal education at the public schools of his township, and early in life commenced sailing on the lakes, serving in different capacities on board ship till his appointment as captain some fifteen years ago. He is captain of the "Robert Rhodes," propeller, and has a controlling interest in the "Alice B. Norris" and the "Kate Winslow." In 1881 the Captain moved to Lorain and bought a residence lot, whereon he built a two-story house, in addition to which he owns three other houses, which he rents.

In 1863 Capt. Moore was married to Miss Esther Carron, a native of the Isle of Man, by which union three children were born, viz.: Edward, married, and having his home in Green Bay, Wis. (he is captain of the schooner "Kate Winslow," plying between Buffalo and Green Bay); Rowena, wife of Mark Jones, of Lorain; and Ettie. The mother of these died in Sheffield township in 1880, and in 1881 our subject was married to Mrs. Rosa Rice, a native of Medina county, Ohio. In his political sympathies Capt. Moore is a Republican, and has served on the town council. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and of Tent No. 1, K. O. T. M. He and his wife are associated with the M. E. Church.

GLOVER MILLER, a native-born prosperous agriculturist and grape-grower of Avon township, was born on his present farm in 1838. His parents, P. J. and Ruth (Houseworth) Miller, natives of New York, came in 1817

to Ohio and to Lorain county, settling in Avon township on the farm above referred to, where they died, the father in 1851, the mother in 1893.

Glover Miller, of whom this sketch is written, received his education at the public schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth, was reared to farm life, and has followed general agriculture with rather more than average success. He is owner of the old homestead settled by his parents, comprising some sixty acres of highly fertile land, on the lake shore, four of which are devoted to grape culture. In 1879 he was married, in Avon township, to Miss Hannah Titus, who was born in the township, daughter of Henry and Orrie (Cahoon) Titus, a sketch of whom follows. Three children were born to this union: Ruth, Orrie and Minnie. Mr. Miller is a Republican in his political views.

HENRY TITUS, a truly progressive and well-to-do farmer and fruit-grower of Avon township, is a native of Essex county, N. Y., born in 1811, a son of Anson and Hannah (Moore) Titus, natives, respectively, of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The parents of our subject were married in New York State, and in 1829, with their family, came to Ohio and to Lorain county, making a settlement in the woods of Avon township, where they cleared a farm, erecting a sturdy and comfortable log house. Here the father died in 1865, the mother some time later. Five children were born to this honored pioneer couple, as follows: Treat, residing in Avon township; Henry, our subject; Mary, widow of Leonard Cahoon, of Avon township; Sarah, widow of William Curtis, of Port Clinton, Ohio; and Joseph, married, who is a resident of Iowa.

Henry Titus, the subject of these lines, was reared and educated in Essex county, N. Y., until the age of eighteen, when he came with his parents to Avon township, where he assisted in clearing the home farm. In 1846 he was married in Avon township to Miss Orrie Cahoon, also a native of New York State, daughter of Wilbur and Priscilla (Sweet) Cahoon, of the same State, who in 1809 came to Ohio and to Avon township, Lorain county, where they cleared a farm and passed the rest of their busy lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Titus were born three children, namely: John, residing on the farm, who is married, and has four children: Arthur, Clarence, Marietta and Edith; Ora, married, who resides in Wisconsin; and Hannah, wife of Glover Miller, a sketch of whom appears above. Our subject is the owner of as fine a farm as can be found in the township, comprising 140 acres of highly productive land, twenty-eight of which are devoted to the growing of grapes, eighteen at the present writing being covered with fruit-bearing vines.

LUCIUS R. MARSH. Among the many useful and enterprising citizens of Lorain county is prominently mentioned this gentleman. He is a well-known fruit farmer in Brownhelm township, the owner of thirty-five acres of fruit-growing land, whereon are a vineyard, peach, apple and cherry orchards, 300 plum trees (the finest orchard of the kind in the county), and all kinds of small fruit shrubs.

Mr. Marsh is a native of Erie county, Ohio, born in 1848, a son of O. H. P. and Minerva M. (Rockwell) Marsh, whose antecedents are traced to Boston, Mass. They came west to Ohio, first locating in Painesville, afterward in Erie county, where he carried on farming, and also conducted a general store in Milan, in the palmy days of that town. He died there in 1860, and his widow subsequently married C. D. Perry. To O. H. P. and Minerva M. Marsh were born two children: Mary M.,

wife of A. D. Wilder, of Chautauqua, N. Y., and Lucius R., the subject of this sketch.

Lucius R. Marsh was reared and educated in Erie county, and passed six years of his earlier life there, working at the carpenter's trade. In 1864 he came to Lorain county, and in 1876 bought his present farm. In 1870 he married, in Erie county, Miss Georgiana Ennis, a native of that county, and daughter of Alexander Ennis, a pioneer of same. To this union have been born three children: Willie, Lulu and Lottie Belle. In his political sympathies Mr. Marsh is a Republican.

WILLIAM EDGERTON, a leading and prosperous agriculturist of Columbia township, is a native of same, born in April, 1832, son of Austin Edgerton.

The father was born in Connecticut, near New Haven, and was there married to Miss Mary Bradway, a native of Massachusetts. In 1831 they came westward to Cleveland, Ohio, via canal, etc., to Buffalo, thence by lake, and from there proceeding by wagon to Columbia township, Lorain county, where he opened up a farm in the dense forest. For some thirty years he resided here, and then removed to Bloomingdale, Van Buren Co., Mich., where he and his wife passed the rest of their days, he dying in 1874, a lifelong Democrat, she in 1891. They reared four children, namely: William, our subject; Albert, a carpenter and joiner and farmer, of Michigan; Eliza, wife of A. J. Broadwell, of Berea, Ohio, and Mary, wife of Andrew Coy, of Van-Buren county, Michigan.

William Edgerton, whose name introduces this sketch, was educated at the public schools of Columbia township, and reared on his father's farm. He bought his present place in 1855, and has always followed agricultural pursuits. His first purchase was fifty acres of wild land, which he improved and added to until he now owns eighty-five acres, all in a good state of cultivation. In February, 1855, in Columbia township, Mr. Edgerton married Miss Mary Elizabeth Worden, who was born in Liverpool, Medina Co., Ohio, a daughter of Virgil H. and Caroline (Goddard) Worden, natives of Connecticut, who in early times came westward to Ohio, locating in Liverpool, Medina county, thence removing to Columbia township, Lorain county. Mrs. Caroline G. Worden died in 1845, her husband in 1875. To Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton has been born one child, Carrie, wife of Thomas Healey, of Eaton township, Lorain county, by whom she has one child, Melvin. Politically our subject is a Republican, and has been a delegate to the party conventions, notably the one held in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1893. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., Berea Lodge No. 382, and of Berea Chapter No. 134.

CHAPMAN MORGAN COOK, a well-known retired agriculturist of Henrietta township, was born May 13, 1818, in Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y., a son of Jesse and Nancy (Morgan) Cook, the former of whom was a native of Jefferson, N. Y., and died at the age of seventy-two years. He was a farmer and shoemaker by occupation, and in politics a Whig. They had a family of nine children, viz.: Orrin, Newell, Jessie, Nancy, William, Norton, Judson, Roxie and Chapman M., the last named being the only survivor. Their mother passed from earth when aged seventy years, after an illness of nine years. In Church connection she was a Baptist.

The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in Oswego county, N. Y., and at the age of twenty came to Lorain county, at that time a complete wilderness, with no roads and little clearing of any kind. His first purchase of land was one hundred acres in what is now Hen-

rietta township, toward which he paid forty dollars, all the money he brought with him, the balance being paid afterward. On this place he built a log house, and in course of time cleared every part of it with his own hands. By and by, in 1855, he erected his present comfortable home, surrounded with commodious barns and other outhouses, and here he now lives in peaceful retirement, having rented his farm. He points with pride to a certain tree on his grounds which he planted himself in 1853, at that time two inches thick, and which is now (1893) two and one-half feet in diameter. Lumber on his farm, worth five dollars per 1,000 feet fifty years ago, now readily fetches forty to forty-five dollars per 1,000 feet.

In 1842 Mr. Cook was married, in New York State, to Fidelia Tinney, daughter of David Tinney, of Oswego county, N. Y., and three children were born to them, as follows: Theresa and Mary (both deceased), and Hannah, wife of Mortimer Brown, a farmer, living in Wakeman, Huron Co., Ohio. In politics Mr. Cook was originally a Whig, and later, since the organization of the party, a Republican. He is a member of the Baptist Church at Henrietta and Camden Center, Lorain county.

CHARLES W. HILL, whose fine farm of 144 acres, in an advanced state of improvement, is one of the most productive in Eaton township, is a native of the locality, born in 1851.

Edward Hill, father of subject, was born in England, where he married Miss Jane Gulliford, and on their wedding day they set sail with a fair wind for the shores of the New World—the loadstar of many thousands of England's best blood. On arrival at the port of debarkation, they proceeded at once westward to Ohio, where they made a settlement in Eaton township, Lorain county, opening out a farm of sixty acres. To this Edward Hill from time to time added until he was owner of 300 acres of good farming land at the time of his death, September 10, 1889, and where his widow is yet living. In his political preferences he was a Republican. Their children, five in number, are all residents of Lorain county, and a brief record of them is as follows: Charles W. is the subject of this sketch; George E., married, is a farmer of Ridgeville township; Mary J. is the wife of George Osborne, Columbia township; Lucy A. is the wife of J. Z. Cole, of Eaton township; and Emma is the wife of Thomas Dair, also of Eaton township.

C. W. Hill, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education at the common schools of Eaton township, and was early in life inducted into the mysteries of farming. For eighteen months he followed that vocation in Piatt county, Ill., and since his return to Eaton township has been most successful in general agriculture. In 1871 he married Miss Mary M. Hathaway, a native of Eaton township, and daughter of John M. and Sarah M. (Clark) Hathaway, of whom special mention will be presently made. To this union have been born five children, viz.: Edward J., W. C., Ford, Mildred and Elmer. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the Disciple Church at North Eaton; in politics he is a Republican, and has served as township trustee and supervisor.

John M. Hathaway, father of Mrs. C. W. Hill, was born in Richland county, Ohio, in September, 1822, a son of Elihu and Annette (Mallory) Hathaway, natives of Vermont and New York State, respectively. They were married in the last named State, and then moved to Medina county, Ohio, thence to Richland county, returning in 1836 to Medina county, and in 1838 locating in Columbia township, Lorain county, on a tract of wild land. Selling this, however, Mr. Hathaway moved to Crawford county, same State, and he died in Wood county, March 12, 1875, his wife having preceded him to the grave in

Columbia township, Lorain county. October 31, 1865. In politics he was an uncompromising Democrat of the Jackson type. The children born to this pioneer couple were as follows: Phebe, widow of Charles Holbrook, of Eaton township; John M., of whom we write; Mary, a widow, who died in Wood county; Baldwin, married, residing in Marion county, Ohio; Hiram, married, residing in Kent county, Mich.; James, deceased about 1888, in Wood county, Ohio; Hamner, deceased in Wood county; Lucy Jane, wife of Chauncy Ryal, of Ridgeville; Charles, married, residing in Ottawa, Ohio; William, residing in California; Alvira, wife of Dr. W. W. Hill, of Weston, Wood county. Jesse Hathaway, grandfather of John M., was a native of Vermont, where he died. Grandfather John Mallory served as a captain in the war of 1812, and while traveling on horseback with some important documents in his possession, from Lake George to New York City, he was lost, and not a vestige of either himself, horse or papers was ever afterward seen.

John M. Hathaway was reared in Medina county, and educated in the old-fashioned log schoolhouse of the period, and when sixteen years old came to Lorain county, where for a time he worked by the month. He then commenced sailing on the lakes, a vocation he followed seven years, as mate one season, and wheelman, two. On abandoning this somewhat adventurous life, he came to his present farm of fifty acres well-improved land, where he carries on general agriculture. On March 7, 1852, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Sarah M. Clark, born in Medina county, Ohio, daughter of Nathan and Nancy (Smith) Clark, natives, respectively, of Berkshire county, Mass., and Vermont; the father, a carpenter and joiner by trade, at the age of nineteen traveled on foot from New York to Grafton, Lorain Co., Ohio, and thence to Medina county, where he died in 1866, his wife in 1859. To Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hathaway have been born six children, to wit: Mary M., wife of Charles W. Hill; Flora E., wife of Frank Lewis, of Columbia township, Lorain county (has two children: Raymond and Ivy); Perry T., married, residing in Columbia township; Anna N., in Columbia township; E. M., married, residing at Eaton Center (has two children: Blanche and Vira); and Fred C., a successful teacher of Lorain county, residing at home. In 1851 Mrs. Hathaway taught school in Columbia and Eaton townships, in an old log cabin, "boarding around;" also taught in Strongsville, Cuyahoga county. Her great-grandfather, Nathan Turner, was one of the pilgrims who landed on "Plymouth Rock."

GROVE HANCE, a popular and progressive farmer of Eaton township, is a native of same, born on his present farm in 1839, a son of Hiram and Rhoda Ann (Ames) Hance, the former of whom was born in New York, the latter in Massachusetts. In an early day they came to Ohio, where they married, afterward settling on the farm in Eaton township, Lorain county, where their son Grove now resides. The father died January 2, 1888, the mother July 2, 1887.

The subject of this sketch received his education at the common schools of his native township, and was reared to farming, which has been his life vocation. He owns part of the old homestead of his father, as well as other land, aggregating 170 acres, all in a good state of cultivation. In September, 1861, he was married to Miss Susan Gregory, a native of Medina county, and four children have been born to them, as follows: J. G., who resides on the farm, has one child, Lois; Minnie, wife of Burt Carr, of Liverpool, Medina county, has one son, Harlan; Gertie, wife of Elmer Tucker, of Elyria, has one son, Grove; Lilly, wife of Charles Austin, of Elyria, has one son, Hugh.

Mrs. Hance's father went to California in 1849, one of the many thousands of gold seekers of that period. Her step-father, V. H. Worden, was the first man to cross Hance's swamp with a team, got "mired," but managed to pull through. In politics our subject is a useful and zealous member of the Republican party, and has served as constable of Eaton township. He is a member of Leonard Tent No 31, Knights of the Maccabees, at North Eaton. Mrs. Hance is a member of the Disciple Church at North Eaton.

JOB ALEXANDER, a progressive, wide-awake agriculturist of Eaton township, was born in 1841, in Grafton township, Lorain Co., Ohio. He is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Franknum) Alexander, natives of Gloucestershire, England, who immigrated to the United States, locating first in New York State, whence in 1840 they moved to Grafton township, Lorain Co., Ohio, thence in 1844 to Eaton township, where they were well-known agriculturists, and the home farm is still in the family. The father died in 1886, the mother in 1883, at the age of eighty and seventy-eight years respectively. They had a family of eight children.

The subject of this memoir received a liberal education at the schools of Eaton township, Lorain county, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, which have been his life work. In 1863 he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Third O. V. I., which was assigned to the army of the West, Twenty-third Army Corps. He was in the battle of Resaca, Ga., and the capture of Atlanta, after which event the Twenty-third and Fourth Corps "took care of" Hood's army. When the latter had been defeated and broken up, our subject went with his regiment to Washington, D. C., and from there to North Carolina; finally reunited with Sherman's army there. Mr. Alexander first started in Kentucky, and accompanied Burnside's expedition across the mountains into Tennessee, and he was present at the siege of Knoxville. In June, 1865, he was honorably discharged at Raleigh, N. C., and returned home to the pursuits of peace, laying aside the rifle for the plough. He owns a highly cultivated fertile farm of 105 acres.

In 1866 Job Alexander was united in marriage, in Carlisle township, with Miss Ann D. Pierce, daughter of Philemon and Diantha (Hovey) Pierce, natives of New York, who in an early day came to Lorain county; the father died in Carlisle township, the mother in Eaton township, at the home of her daughter, in 1880. To Mr. and Mrs. Job Alexander were born six children, as follows: Hattie (wife of Orlando Rose), Albert (deceased at the age of twenty-five years), Ida, Loren, Luther and Rosa. Politically Mr. Alexander is a Republican; socially he is a member of Richard Allen Post, G. A. R., Elyria.

DORASTUS WAITE, one of the widest known pioneer citizens of LaGrange township, Lorain county, was born June 21, 1810, in Champion, Jefferson county, New York.

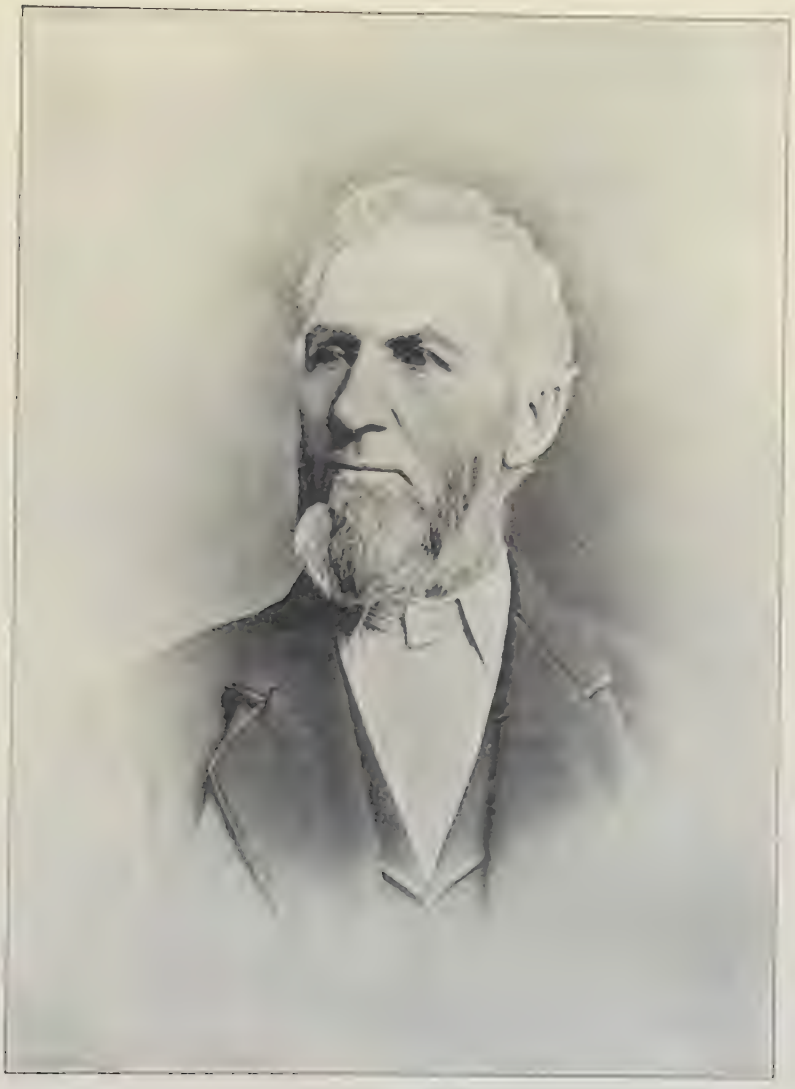
His father; Dorastus Waite, a farmer, was a native of Vermont, where he married Miss Sally McNitt, and later moved into New York State, where he lived comfortably and reared a large family, all of whom are now dead but two—our subject and a half brother, Guverry M., who is a farmer in Jefferson county, N. Y. The mother of our subject was the second wife of Dorastus Waite, Sr., and at the time of her marriage to him was the widow of Rufus Blodgett; her maiden name was Malinda Canfield. Mr. Waite died in Champion,

Jefferson Co., N. Y., at the age of eighty-two years. But two of his family—James and Dorastus—came to Ohio.

Dorastus Waite passed his early years on his father's farm, assisting in the many duties of the agricultural work, and received an education in the common schools, attending, however, only in the winter season, when he could be spared from home. In October, 1831, he was united in marriage with Miss Diantha Fitts, who was born in 1813 in Massachusetts, daughter of Daniel Fitts, who moved to Jefferson county, N. Y., where our subject met his daughter. After marriage the young couple began housekeeping on a small farm owned by his father, remaining there but a few years. In the fall of 1834 he rode to Ohio on horseback, the trip occupying three weeks, and after looking over the land purchased one hundred acres in Lot 86, LaGrange township, Lorain county, for which he paid four hundred dollars. He then returned to Jefferson county, N. Y., in the same manner, and remained over winter, in the spring of 1835 coming out with a one-horse wagon, and bringing his wife and only child, Sarahetta L., who is now the widow of Ferguson Zang, and makes her home in LaGrange village. They commenced life in Ohio in a log cabin on the pioneer farm, where he at once set to work clearing the land, and resided until 1871, when he removed to LaGrange village, where he has since lived a semi-retired life. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Waite in Ohio were as follows: James E., a farmer of LaGrange; Maryette, who became the wife of Frank Beckwith, and in 1855 died on the home farm, aged nineteen years; Everett L., who died at the age of four years; and Everett L., who died at the age of twelve years. The mother of these died in 1873, and was buried at LaGrange; in 1874 he married Mrs. Martha J. (Pelton) Belden (widow of Daniel Belden), who was born in Middlefield, Mass. Mr. Waite has during his long life accomplished no small amount of hard work; when first settling on his place it was all in the woods, but by constant labor and untiring energy he has now one of the most productive farms in the entire township. Politically he was originally an Old-line Whig, is now a member of the Republican party, and he has served in various township offices. In religious connection he was an attendant of the Congregational Church until the Society disbanded, when he united with the M. E. Church. He is remarkably well preserved for one of his years, and is a man of extremely temperate habits, does not use tobacco in any form, and has not even tasted spirituous or malt liquor for over sixty years. He had several great-grandchildren. [Since the above was written we have been informed of the death of Mr. Dorastus Waite, which occurred December 31, 1893.—Ed.

A. G. DAWLEY. In the front rank of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Eaton township, stands prominent this gentleman. He is a native of Portage county, Ohio, born in Ravenna township in 1825, a son of Daniel and Eunice Dawley, the former a native of Vermont, the latter of Massachusetts. They were married in Portage county, Ohio, whither the father had come when a young man, in 1790, and here followed agricultural pursuits the rest of his busy life. He died in 1871, his wife in 1863. Four children were born to them, a brief record of whom is as follows: Cornelia is the widow of Miletus Clark, of Portage county, Ohio; Darius, married, is a farmer in Ravenna township, Portage county; Perry died in Portage county in 1882; A. G. is the subject of this memoir.

A. G. Dawley was reared to farm life in his native township, receiving his elementary education at the common schools, and



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attending select school one or two terms. In 1854 he came to Eaton township, Lorain county, where he made a new home for himself and family. In 1862 he located on his present farm, a highly improved one of 111 acres, on which he carries on general agriculture with much success. In 1847 he was united in marriage in Portage county, Ohio, with Miss Sophia Moulton, a native of Brimfield township, that county, a daughter of Harrison and Bethsheba (Coburn) Moulton, very early pioneers of Portage county; the father was killed in 1826 by a falling tree while out chopping, the mother dying some time later. To Mr. and Mrs. Dawley four children were born, as follows: William, married, residing in Norristown, Penn. (had five children—Frank, Addie Sophia, Carl Albert, one deceased in infancy, and Sumner E., deceased); Cornelia, wife of George Johnson, residing in Elyria, had ten children: Floren, Edwin, Gertie, Albert, Vernon, Georgie (deceased at the age of six years), Jennie, Cassie, May, and an infant; Clifton, married, residing in Eaton township, had five children: Lena, Perry, Wilton, Charles and Ivy; Mary was the wife of William Allen, and resided in Macomb county, Mich. (she died in 1885). The mother of these was called from earth in February, 1888. In politics Mr. Dawley is an active adherent of the Republican party, and he is a member and deacon of the Christian Church of Eaton.

M. B. JAMESON, a well-known successful agriculturist of Avon township, is a native of same, born in 1837, son of Joseph B. and Mary (Horr) Jameson.

The father of our subject was born in 1787 in New Hampshire, and in 1824 came to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in the woods of Avon township, where he opened up a farm. Here he passed the remainder of his years, dying in 1867, in politics a stanch Whig; he served for many years as justice of the peace. He was married three times, first to Thankful Clement, who died in 1817, leaving two children, Thankful Jane, born in 1814, in New York, now the deceased wife of Ora B. Cahoon; and Mary, born in 1816. His second wife was Avis Smith, and she bore him six children, three of whom are now living—William (in Avon township), Joseph (married, a resident of Avon township), and Sarepta (wife of C. Blackwell, of Avon township); those deceased are David C., who died in 1833; Clarissa A., Mrs. R. Steele, who died in 1866 in California; and Mary E., Mrs. Collin Ford, who died in 1870 in Lebanon, Ohio. For his third wife Mr. Jameson married, in New York State, Miss Mary Horr, a native of Vermont, and to this union were born four children, as follows: M. B., subject of this sketch; Daniel, who died in Avon township at the age of ten; Robinson, who died in Colorado in 1873; and Lucina H., who died in Avon township in 1866. The mother of these died in 1893, at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

M. B. Jameson received his elementary education at the common schools of his native township, and in early life was inducted into the mysteries of agriculture, which he has continued to follow. He subsequently attended college at Berea and Lebanon, Ohio, and for several years pursued the vocation of teacher. He was married, in 1860, in Avon township, to Miss Cordelia S. Wilder, also a native of same, daughter of Thompson and Sabrina (Fuller) Wilder, who were born in the State of New York, and in 1836 came to Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where they passed the remainder of their lives, he dying in 1874, she in 1876. Mrs. Jameson taught school with her husband several terms. To their union have been born five children, viz.: Clifton E., married, who resides in Montesano, Wash.; Torrey

W., living at home; Mary B., wife of H. H. Carter, of Washington; Annette, and Plynn C., both living at home. Our subject is engaged exclusively in general agriculture, and he owns a fertile farm of sixty acres in a good state of cultivation. In his political sympathies he is a Republican, and in religious connection he and his wife are members of the M. E. Church at French Creek. [Since the above was written, we have been informed of the death, December 9, 1893, of Mr. Jameson.

H. D. STETSON, a native-born, wide-awake and enterprising agriculturist of Ridgeville township, first saw the light in 1850.

Randall Stetson, father of subject, was born in Massachusetts, where he was first married, and in 1832 came with his family to Lorain county, settling in Ridgeville township, where he had bought a fifty-acre tract of timber land, which he improved, adding thereto until he owned 215 acres (the homestead), besides other land in the county, and about one thousand acres in the West. He dealt largely in real estate, and was extensively engaged in stock dealing—buying and selling blooded animals. By his first marriage he had four children, viz.: Emily, widow of Willard Kemp, of Cleveland; Martha, widow of William Nelson, of Cleveland; Jane, wife of J. M. Seelye, of Ridgeville township; and Ellen, widow of Monroe Dean, of Michigan. The mother of these dying in 1836, Mr. Stetson married, in 1837, in Ridgeville township, the widow Loomis, who bore him three children, as follows: John, residing in Olmsted township; H. D., subject of this memoir; and Isabelle, who lives in Oberlin. The mother of these was called from earth in 1883, the father in 1886. He was a straight Republican, and served his township as trustee several terms. In 1884 he and his son, H. D., bought a gristmill in Ridgeville, which they improved and remodeled, putting in the new roller process, and this was operated by father and son until the decease of the former, when the latter bought out the interest therein of the heirs, and conducted same until 1889, in which year he sold it.

The subject proper of this memoir received his primary education at the common schools of his native township, which was supplemented with a two years' attendance at Oberlin College. In addition to the gristmill above referred to, he carried on general farming, and he is now the owner of 190 acres of the old homestead, besides 600 acres in the West. He was married in Ridgeville township, in 1871, to Miss Florence Simonds, a native of Cuyahoga county, Ohio, daughter of Simeon and Marcia (Beebe) Simonds, of Massachusetts and Ridgeville township, Lorain county, respectively. They are now residing at Dover, Cuyahoga county. To Mr. and Mrs. Stetson were born six children, to wit: Ray, who graduated from Oberlin College with the class of 1893, and is now Professor of Chemistry at the same college; Carl, residing at home; Marcia, deceased at the age of fifteen; Adaline, Dora and Merritt, residing at home. In politics our subject is a Republican, and he enjoys the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

JAY HART, who stands foremost among Penfield township's prominent citizens and thorough, successful farmers, was born November 10, 1851, a son of Lewis Hart, Jr., who was a son of Lewis Hart, Sr.

When but a lad of eleven years our subject lost his father by death. Prior to this he had received such an education as

the common schools of the period afforded, and when a mere boy found employment as a farm hand. He worked at various places, and for different people, being employed for two years by Orrin Starr, a like time by Luther Penfield, and also by G. L. Starr, all of whom are well-known and successful farmers. He also spent several years in the employ of Miles Leech and Henry Whitbeck, of Litchfield, Medina Co., Ohio, receiving under such competent instructors a complete knowledge of agricultural life, in which he has been very successful.

On November 5, 1876, Mr. Hart was united in marriage with Miss Ida Sheldon, who was born November 15, 1854, in Cortland county, N. Y., daughter of Abijah and Jane (Kiff) Sheldon, and from the age of seven years made her home with her aunt, Amy Andrews, for whom our subject had worked some time, and where he and his young wife made their first home after marriage. They have three children, viz.: Amy, Ina and Rhe. Mr. Hart is a substantial representative farmer and leading citizen of Penfield township, and his progressive, active spirit is recognized throughout the community. He has prospered well in his agricultural operations, and has succeeded in accumulating a fine farm of 200 acres, the excellent condition of which is sufficient evidence of its owner's ability as a systematic farmer. In his political preferences Mr. Hart is a stanch member of the Republican party. Mrs. Hart is a member of the Congregational Church.

JACOB H. CLAUS, blacksmith, North Amherst, descends from an early German family, and was born in Brownhelm township, Lorain Co., Ohio, April 27, 1837. He is a son of Henry and Martha (Hilderbrand) Claus, the former of whom was born in Hessia, Germany, and in 1828 came to the United States, making a settlement in Brownhelm township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he followed farming, and the trade of carpenter and joiner. He and his wife both died young, at the ages of thirty-three and twenty-three, respectively. They had three children, of whom our subject is the eldest.

Jacob H. Claus received but a limited public-school education, being left an orphan when yet a boy. He learned his trade in the shop where he is now working, and has been in business for himself more than thirty years. The cheerful ring of his anvil, and the merry sparks that burst from his forge, are not more welcome to the wayfarer than his own honest greeting; and his shop is the resort of customers and others, who come miles to visit his well-known smithy. In 1860 Mr. Claus was united in marriage with Miss Marie Geabauer. They have one child, a daughter.

In politics our subject has been a Republican since Garfield's election, and he has held many municipal and township offices. He has been a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Church at North Amherst for the past forty years, and for twenty-five years he has been a member of the I. O. O. F.; he is also a member of the Daughters of Rebekah, and of the K.O.T.M.

JACOB SCHWARTZ, an old and highly esteemed resident of Russia township, was born February 20, 1819, in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, a son of Jacob Schwartz, who died in Germany in 1834.

In 1846 Jacob Schwartz was married, in his native country, to Catherine Burg, and they had one child born in Germany, Daniel, who died in infancy. Our subject was a weaver by necessity, and also worked at anything else he could find to do. In 1848, in company with his wife, his widowed mother, his brother David, and

his sisters Elizabeth and Margaretta, he left the Fatherland, taking passage at Antwerp, and landing in New York after a voyage of forty-two days. They immediately set out for Cleveland, Ohio, traveling via the Erie Canal and Lake Erie, and thence proceeded to Russia township, Lorain county, where Jacob bought land. By gathering the funds of the entire party, which amounted to about three hundred dollars, he was able to purchase a tract of thirty acres, and then borrowing six dollars from a neighbor, John Schramm, purchased a cow. On this farm Mr. Schwartz resided until 1871, when he bought, from "Bachelor Bailey," his present farm, and sixty-one additional acres, which latter he has given to his children. A brief record of his family is as follows: Elizabeth, who married William Sump, died January 6, 1876, leaving four children, viz.: Charles, William, Millie and Alva; Mary is the wife of Alva Gibson, of Russia township; Carrie (twin of Mary) is the wife of Charles Albright, of Russia township; Margaret resides at home; Emma is married to Henry Bassett, of Russia township. Mr. Schwartz has always been a hard-working farmer, and has fully deserved the success he has won. He is an honest, upright, kind-hearted citizen, ever ready to assist those in need, and is highly esteemed and respected by all who know him. In his political preferences he is a Democrat, though non-partisan and but little interested in affairs of State. In religious connection he is a member of the Evangelical Church at North Amherst.

JOHN A. MILLER, prominent among the prosperous agriculturists of Avon township, is a native of same, born in October, 1831.

Peter Miller, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Palmyra, N. Y., August 10, 1803, and in 1819 was brought by his parents, Adam and Anna (Teamount) Miller, natives of the same State, to Avon township, Lorain county, they settling in the woods near the shore of Lake Erie, where they opened out a farm. Here Adam Miller died in 1834, his wife in 1848. They reared a family of ten children, of whom Peter was reared on the farm; he followed agricultural pursuits, and also worked at ship carpentry at Black River, he having learned the trade of Captain Jones before he was twenty years old. There was only one house between the home in Avon township and Black River, and wild animals were numerous and ferocious. In 1821, as he was returning home from his work one Saturday evening, Peter Miller lost himself in the woods, and was treed by a bear that five times climbed after him, finally catching him by the feet, which were badly lacerated. The boy, however, managed to get away from Bruin, who was herself not a little alarmed, and ran for his life as fast as his wounded feet would permit, reaching the nearest neighbor's in a sorry plight. He was married in Black River township in 1828, to Miss Ruth Houseworth, a native of New York State, daughter of Jacob and Ruth (Hart) Houseworth, the father born on the ocean, the mother in Rhode Island; they moved to New York State, and thence in 1819 to Ohio, settling in Black River township, the journey being made by water from Buffalo. Here Mr. Houseworth died at the age of fifty-nine years, his wife passing away in her eighty-fourth year, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Peter Miller. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Peter Miller continued to reside in Avon township, where they successfully conducted a highly improved farm. The father died in 1851 at the age of forty-seven years, the mother on August 18, 1893, in her eighty-sixth year; she had been a resident of the county seventy-four years, and of Avon township sixty-five years, having lived on the same farm all her married life. They had a family of five children, all yet living, viz.:

John A.; Amanda, wife of Leonard Moore, of Lorain; Glover, married, residing in Avon township, on part of the old farm; Julia, wife of M. H. Lampman, of Lorain, and Jeanette, residing in Avon township.

John A. Miller, whose name opens this sketch, received his education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his birthplace, and was brought up to farming pursuits, which have been his life work. In 1868 he was married, in Elyria, Lorain county, to Miss Catherine Burrell, a native of Sheffield township, Lorain county, and daughter of Hiram and Harriet (Hall) Burrell, pioneers of that township, he a native of Massachusetts, she of Dover township, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio. Grandfather Isaac Burrell was an early pioneer of Sheffield township, Lorain county. By this union was born one child, Catherine, at home, who lost her mother March 26, 1869. In politics Mr. Miller is a stanch Republican, and has held several township offices of trust, such as trustee. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M. Lodge at Elyria, and of Marshall Chapter.

ALEXANDER PORTER, ship captain and vessel owner, well known on the lakes as a careful and skillful mariner, and respected on shore as a useful and loyal citizen, is a native of the town of Lorain, Ohio, born March 16, 1843.

He is a son of Nathaniel and Clarissa (Nelson) Porter, the former of whom was a native of the North of Ireland, born in 1801, an Orangeman, one of twelve brothers who came to this country and to Ohio, settling in Elyria, Lorain county. In 1830 Nathaniel came to Lorain, about the commencement of the "boom," where he opened a brickyard, which he carried on in connection with farming and teaming. He was married in Massachusetts, and had a family of eight children, all yet living except one drowned in the lake, in the fall of 1892, from the steamer "W. H. Gilcher." The father died in 1878; the mother passed away in 1857.

Alexander Porter, whose name opens this sketch, received his education in part at the public schools of his native town, and in part at Oberlin College. At about the age of fourteen years he commenced sailing on the lakes, and in 1859 he was a seaman on the barge "Pierson," which sailed from Cleveland to Liverpool, England, touching at Bristol, and returning by same route lay in the Welland Canal, Canada, all the following winter. Since then he has sailed the lakes every summer, for the past twenty-five years as captain, and the first boat he was skipper of was the "Rescue." He and two of his brothers owned a vessel, the "Three Brothers," which for several years successfully traded on the lakes. He is now owner or part owner of no less than five boats that turn in a good revenue every year.

In 1871 Capt. Porter married Miss Dorliska Freeman, a native of LaGrange, Lorain county, daughter of S. V. R. Freeman, of Albany, N. Y., a farmer, who came to Lorain county in 1829, and settled on a farm at LaGrange. He was twice married, and he had four sons and three daughters; he was born in 1801, and died in 1878. Capt. and Mrs. Porter have had no children. In politics our subject is a Republican, and he is a member of the F. & A. M., Knights of the Maccabees and Royal Arcanum.

JOHN H. ECKLER, a well-known farmer of Carlisle township, is a native of Germany, born November 24, 1835, a son of Henry and Anna (Barber) Eckler, also Germans, born in Hessia.

The father of our subject emigrated with his family to the United States in 1838, making his new home in Erie

county, Ohio, where he first worked as a day laborer in Vermillion township, clearing land in the winters. In summer time he worked on the Maumee Canal at eighteen dollars per month, out of which he had to pay his board Sundays, and provide for his family, then consisting of wife and five children. He was very poor, and could not speak English, but he had a willing heart and hands, and by industry prospered. For some time he lived in Vermillion township, Erie Co., Ohio, as already related, thence, in 1852, coming to Carlisle township, Lorain county. He succeeded in accumulating 200 acres of land, and at the time of his death had money in the bank, notwithstanding the fact that he had given liberally to his children. He died July 9, 1890, in his eighty-sixth year, his wife in 1866, aged fifty-six. They were members, first of the Presbyterian Reformed Church, afterward of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was always a Democrat. They had in all seven children, as follows: Catherine, wife of H. M. Hempy, of Cleveland, Ohio; Margaret, wife of J. F. Irish, both now deceased; Ann, wife of Fred Stroble, of Wood county, Ohio; Mary, wife of J. G. Kinsey, of Lorain; Elizabeth, wife of Edward Bickle; John H.; and Emanuel, in Elyria.

At the age of two and a half years the subject of these lines came to Ohio, and received his English education at the schools in Vermillion township, Erie county, and at the Center School in Carlisle township, Lorain county. He has been engaged all his life in farming, with the exception of six years he worked as a carpenter in Cleveland, and is now the owner of 213 acres, all in a good state of cultivation. Like his father before him, he votes the straight Democratic ticket, and at one time was elected trustee of his township, serving but a few months, as he was elected against his wishes.

In 1862 our subject married Miss Cornelia M. Hart, who was born in Carlisle township, Lorain county, and five children have come to them, as follows: Henry, married and living in Elyria (has three children—Hazel, Georgie and Edith); Bertha M., wife of Harold Hinkson, of Elyria (they have one child—Rollin); Catherine, wife of Arthur Champney, of Oberlin (they have one child—Bertha); Frank R. and Charles R., both at home. [Since the above was written we have been informed that Mr. John H. Eckler died of typhoid fever November 23, 1893, having been a great sufferer to the last.—Ed.

W. J. FULLER, proprietor of livery and boarding stable, in the town of Oberlin, of which he has been a resident some nine years, is a native of Ohio, born in Portage county, in 1850, son of C. C. and Mary (Bierce) Fuller.

The father of our subject was born in Nelson township, Portage Co., Ohio, in 1818, and was there reared and trained to farming, which has been his life vocation. He there married Mary Bierce, a native of the same township, born in 1830, who died there in 1885, aged fifty-five years. Grandfather Jeremiah R. Fuller, a native of Cornwall, Conn., came west in about the year 1804 to Portage county, Ohio, where he opened up a farm in Nelson township, dying thereon in 1853. Grandfather Horatio Bierce also died in that county; great-grandfather William Bierce, a native of Connecticut, served in the war of the Revolution, and died in Nelson township, Portage county.

W. J. Fuller received a liberal education at the public schools of his native township, after which he was engaged in the milling business in Portage county; he was also three years in the oil fields of Pennsylvania. In 1884 he came to Lorain county, and commenced in his present

livery business, in which he has met with gratifying success, keeping a full line of vehicles.

In 1874 Mr. Fuller was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary (Tinker) Tracy, also a native of Portage county, Ohio, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Hopkins) Tinker, of Massachusetts and Connecticut, respectively, and who in an early day came to Portage county, Ohio, where the father passed from earth in 1877; the mother is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Fuller has been born one child, Helen D. By her former marriage Mrs. Fuller had one daughter, Mary E., wife of J. C. Ball, of Pompey, N. Y. In politics our subject is a Republican, and he has served as constable. He and his wife are members of the First Congregational Church.

JOHN SMITH TOWNSHEND, a rising young farmer of Sheffield township, was born there in 1860, a son of John and Ann (Smith) Townshend.

The father of our subject was born in 1809 in England, whence at about the age of twenty-two years he came to America with his parents, the entire family first making their home in Cleveland, Ohio. Later John Townshend moved to Sheffield township, Lorain county, where he carried on farming during the rest of his life. He was twice married, his first wife being Hannah Hurst, by whom he had four children: Martha Fox, living in Sheffield township; Sarah, wife of Joseph Walker; Josiah H., married, and living in Sheffield township, and Alfred, deceased. His second wife, whom he wedded in Elyria township, was Miss Ann Smith, a native of Leicestershire, England, and two children were born to this union; Mary E. and John S., the former living with the latter. John Townshend died in Elyria April 15, 1875.

John S. Townshend, the subject proper of this sketch, received his primary education in the district schools of his native place, and at the age of fifteen attended the high school of Elyria, after which he attended school one year at Oberlin. He then commenced farming, which has been his life vocation; he now works eighty acres of land, and is the owner of fifty-one acres well improved, and a sawmill.

In 1889 our subject was married to Miss Carrie M. Buck, born in Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and two children, named respectively Ann E. and John, have been born to them. Mr. Townshend's political views are Republican, and he is a member of the Baptist Church.

CONRAD WIEGAND, one of the wide-awake progressive citizens of Lorain, is a native of Hessen-Cassel, Germany, born May 31, 1849. He is a son of Henry and Christina (Roth) Wiegand, also natives of Germany, and who were the parents of eight children—six sons and two daughters—two of whom are now living in America. John Wiegand, one of the sons, came here in 1857, and during the war of the Rebellion enlisted in the Seventh O. V. I., at Cleveland; he was wounded at the battle of Winchester, and taken prisoner, but was released, dying soon after, however, in hospital, in 1862.

Our subject was educated at the public schools in the Fatherland, and at the age of twenty (1869) came to the United States, totally ignorant of the English language, but of which he soon made himself master. From the port of landing he made his way direct to Lorain county, Ohio, and first located in Elyria, working at his trade there till 1872, when he and a brother opened a boot and shoe store in Lorain. This partnership continued until 1883, in which year Conrad Wiegand bought out his brother, and has since continued in the

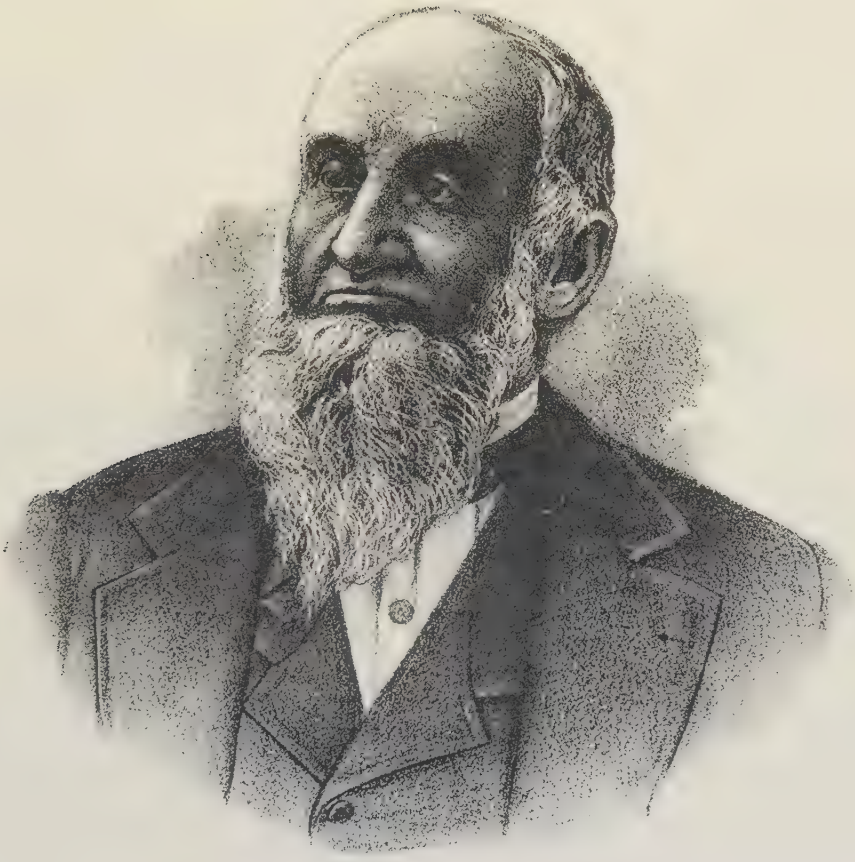
business alone. He commenced with a small stock, about five hundred dollars worth, and has now one valued at as many thousands. His present brick building he erected in 1892, and moved therein November 1, that year, and he still owns his old store on North Broadway. He has a nice residence on Second avenue.

In 1871 Mr. Wiegand was married, in Elyria, Ohio, to Miss Minnie Beese, and they have had three sons: Fred, Carl and Alvin. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and in religion is associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He has been a member of the board of education since 1882, with the exception of one year and eight months. Socially he is a member of the K. O. T. M.

M W. PHELPS. This gentleman, a member of one of the earliest families to settle in Lorain county, as a man of unbounded popularity and well-known generosity, and as one who has done much toward the progress of Eaton township and the establishment of the town of North Eaton, claims more than a passing notice in the pages of this Biographical Record.

Our subject was born November 18, 1821, in Jefferson county, N. Y., a son of Joseph and Dollie (Waite) Phelps, the former of whom was born in 1800, in Jefferson county, N. Y., the latter in New York about 1801. They were married in Jefferson county, and in 1826 migrated westward to Ohio, traveling by water to Cleveland, thence by team to LaGrange township, Lorain county, having to cut their way through the timber and underbrush, Mrs. Phelps walking the entire distance with one child in her arms, and others toddling by her side. The farm they settled on contained 160 acres of wild land, and this by dint of hard and assiduous labor they succeeded in reducing to a state of culture. Their cabin was built with the assistance of men brought from Grafton. Occasionally the Indians, for the first two years, lived in their wigwams alongside of the Phelps family. Leaving the farm, Mr. Phelps kept hotel twenty-five years at LaPorte, Carlisle township, and then moved to Butternut Ridge, where he died in 1861; he was, in politics, a Whig, later a Republican. His wife had preceded him to the grave in 1857, the mother of a large family of children, of whom we give a record of ten: George W. died in LaGrange township at the age of five years; Harriet A. resides in Chicago, Ill.; Roger (married) died in Sandusky, Ohio, about 1870; Erastus (married) resides in Elyria (he is the oldest engineer on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, having been on the road for forty years); Clarissa is the wife of Edwin Beardsley, and resides on Chestnut Ridge, Eaton township; Elvira resides in Minneapolis, Minn.; Jefferson (married) is an attorney at law in Chicago, Ill.; Elizabeth resides in St. Paul, Minn.; Joseph Elston (married) resides in Toledo (he is one of the best engineers on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad); George Washington, who was married and resided in Toledo, and was an engineer on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad for thirty years, was killed at Bellevue, Ohio, in February, 1891.

Joseph Phelps brought the first yoke of oxen into LaGrange township, and they did hard work not only on his own farm, but also on those of his neighbors. At the time the family settled in the county, wolves, bears and other wild animals abounded, and the first cow they owned, also their first flock of sheep, eighteen in number, were destroyed by wolves and carried off, not the least part of the loss felt being the wool on the sheep, on which the family depended for future clothing. On another occasion, during the month of March, two or three hunger-driven wolves



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got into the sheep pen, and would have made much havoc among the sheep but for a powerful mastiff that fought the wolves furiously, succeeding in driving them away, minus a considerable amount of fur they left behind in the pen. The brave dog was so sorely wounded that he lay as dead on the floor, but with careful nursing he recovered in the course of a week. The last grey wolf seen was killed on Mr. Phelps' farm in the winter of 1839; after being pursued two days it turned on its pursuers, and was then shot. In the summer of 1852 a doe reared two fawns, which the following winter were killed by hunters. Prior to this all large game, including the elk, panther and bear, had disappeared.

Roger Phelps, father of Joseph, and grandfather of subject, was a native of Connecticut, where he learned the trade of tanner and currier. In an early day he moved to Jefferson county, N. Y., and in 1826 came to Lorain county, where he died.

M. W. Phelps, the subject proper of this sketch, received his education in the public schools of LaGrange township, Lorain county (whither he was brought by his parents when a child of five summers), and finished his studies at a select school in Elyria. In his early manhood he taught school in Elyria and Grafton townships, and also at Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga county, at which latter he taught a number of terms. On retiring from his scholastic duties he commenced farming operations, in which he has since continued with well-merited success in Eaton township, where he owns an excellent farm of 275 acres, all well improved. In addition to the usual grain and root crops, he does an extensive business in dairying, milking from thirty-seven to forty cows; and he has also dealt largely in live stock.

In August, 1844, Mr. Phelps was united in marriage in Dover, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, with Miss Harriet Ann Grimes, a native of Vermont, daughter of Johnson and Amy (Hamilton) Grimes, also of the Green Mountain State, who came, in 1837, to Dover township, Cuyahoga county, and thence moved to Kalamazoo county, Mich.; the father died in 1869 at the residence of his son-in-law, our subject; the mother in 1891. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Phelps, viz.: Vernon Beresford, married and residing in Eaton township (he has five children); and Frank Herbert, who is married and resides in Elyria.

Mr. Phelps is not only progressive, but also aggressive, and has proven to the county of his adoption a most useful, loyal citizen. To him is due the credit of having secured the Eaton Station (situated on his farm) for the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, toward which he subscribed one thousand five hundred dollars, besides paying out of his own pocket $600 for labor done. Politically he was originally a Whig, then a Republican, voting for McClellan, since when he has been a stanch Democrat.

THOMPSON CLARK, a well-known, native-born agriculturist of Avon township, first saw the light April 7, 1822, on the farm where he yet resides.

He is a son of Samuel and Polly (Seward) Clark, the former of whom was born in Connecticut, at the age of thirteen years removing thence to Vermont, where he was married in 1816. In the fall of the last named year he set out with a team for Ridgeville township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and in the spring of the following year settled on a farm, then entirely in the woods, where he built a log cabin and passed the remainder of his days. He passed from earth in 1867, preceded to the grave by his wife in 1865. They had born to them eight children, as follows:

Samuel, who died here at the age of thirty-two; Lyman, who died September 14, 1876, in Steuben county, Ind.; Daniel, who married and removed to Indiana, where he died in 1889; Thompson, whose name introduces this sketch; Clarissa, Mrs. Amos Moon, who died in Avon township; Anna, who married Justus Butler, and died in Indiana in 1885; Orilla, who married David H. Barnard, of Ridgeville, and died in Olmsted, Ohio, in 1885; and Naomi, who became the wife of Wilkes Rathbun, and died in 1885 at the home of our subject. Grandfather Gaylord Clark was a native of Connecticut, and in an early day removed thence to Addison, Vt., where he died.

Thompson Clark received his early educational training in the log cabin subscription schools of that early period, and was reared from boyhood to agricultural pursuits, which he has made his life vocation. In 1841 he was married to Miss Jane Young, a native of Addison county, Vt., daughter of Alvah and Lucretia (Wilkison) Young, also natives of that State, and early settlers of Medina county, Ohio, where both died. In 1871 this wife died, leaving no living children, and in 1873 Mr. Clark wedded, for his second wife, Miss Amelia Chandler, daughter of Harry and Beulah (Terrell) Chandler, all natives of New York State, whence in an early day they came to Ohio, locating first in Huron county, and subsequently taking up there home in Grafton township, Lorain county. Harry Chandler died in 1885 at the home of our subject, preceded to the grave by his wife, who died in Huron county, Ohio. By his second marriage Mr. Clark has one child, Samuel. Our subject now owns the old home farm, comprising forty-eight acres of fertile land, all in a good state of cultivation. In his party preferences he is a liberal Republican, though in local politics he takes an independent stand. In religious connection Mrs. Clark is a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Clark is now the only representative of one of the first six families who settled in Avon township. On the paternal side the family is of English origin, while on the mother's side they come of Scotch and French ancestry, who located in Connecticut in Colonial days. William Seward, an uncle of our subject, was a soldier in the war of 1812.

FRANK E. BONSOR, a well-known contractor and builder, of Lorain, is a native of Iowa, born December 28, 1860. Charles E. Bonsor, father of our subject, was born in England, where he learned the trade of brick mason and contractor. In 1849 he came to America, and here followed his trade in New York City, from which place he came to Cleveland, Ohio, thence moving to Indianapolis, Ind., and thence to Iowa, where he followed contract work for a number of years. He then returned to Ohio, locating in Oberlin, whence, after a residence of eighteen or nineteen years, he moved to Frederickstown, Mo., where he and his wife now reside. Mr. Bonsor married Anna Watts, who was also a native of England, and they had nine children—seven sons and two daughters—eight of whom grew to maturity.

Frank E. Bonsor was reared in his native State until three years of age, when he came with his parents to Oberlin, Ohio, where he received his education. He learned the trade of brick mason with his father, and in 1871, then but eleven years old, he worked at same in Chicago. He was connected with his father in the contracting business at Oberlin for a few years, and when a young man superintended work undertaken by him. Among the many buildings erected in Oberlin under their supervision may be mentioned the E. J. Goodrich and the Henry Blocks, Carter Building, Carpenter Building, Ladies Society & Call Building, Morris

Building, Wooster Block, the Town Hall, besides many dwelling houses. They erected the greater part of the brick buildings in Oberlin until 1880, when Mr. Bonsor came to Lorain, and he has since followed contracting and building in various places. He and his brothers took the contract for the Home State Building, in Knightstown, Ind., and they received the highest recommendations for work done on this edifice. Mr. Bonsor has also done contract work in Columbus, Cleveland, and Vermillion, Ohio, and his record during his entire career has been second to none. In 1886 he and his brothers built the Bonsor Block, the largest business block in Lorain, a fine building 78 by 80 feet, and three stories in height. In 1892 he erected the Opera House, a handsome three-story brick building, 41 by 101 feet.

In 1886 Mr. Bonsor was married to Miss Flora B. Mapes, and they have two children, namely: Frank and Cleora. In politics he votes with the Republican party, and socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and F. & A. M. Mr. Bonsor comes from a family of brick masons. It was the trade of his father and grandfather, and three uncles and three brothers also follow same.

A. E. STIWALD, a progressive, enterprising citizen of North Amherst, was born in August, 1842, at Cleveland, Ohio. His parents, George Michael and Mary (Fox) Stiwald, were natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States in about 1838, locating at Cleveland, Ohio. They were the parents of six children, namely: Catherine, a widow, residing in North Amherst; John, who died in 1876 in Amherst township; Conrad, living in Michigan; Emma, who died in 1862; Gertrude, who died in 1875; and A. E. The father of this family died in 1846, in Cleveland, and in 1852 his widow came to Avon township, Lorain county, settling on a farm, where she resided until her death, which occurred in 1885, in North Amherst.

A. E. Stiwald, our subject, was reared up to the age of ten years in Cleveland, where he received his early education, and in 1852 came with his mother to Avon township, where he assisted in clearing the farm. On August 15, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Seventh O. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was assigned to the army of the Potomac. He participated in the battles in Kentucky, and was also at Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, and most of the other engagements participated in by the army of the Potomac, and took part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., where he was honorably discharged in 1865. He returned to Lorain county, and in 1868 came to Amherst township, there engaging in farming until January 1, 1870, when he came to North Amherst and engaged in the manufacture of cigars, in which he continued until 1880. He is now engaged in raising fruit.

In 1865 Mr. Stiwald was united in marriage, in Lorain county, Ohio, with Miss Sarah Ann Jaycox, a native of Lorain county, daughter of Smith Jaycox. She died in 1869, and in 1878 Mr. Stiwald was married, for his second wife, to Miss Maria White, a native of England. She was a daughter of Robert White, who was also born in England, and came to America, locating in Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he died in 1885. To Mr. and Mrs. Stiwald were born the following named children: Florence Eva, Earl C., Maria G., Grace L. and Grover Allen. In politics our subject is a Democrat, very prominent in his party, and has been elected to various offices of trust; he filled the position of town clerk in North Amherst for twelve consecutive years, the longest period of time for which that office has been held; he was assessor of North

Amherst two years; served for twelve years as township trustee, and did much toward the improvement of Amherst; and was clerk of the joint board (township and village) during the building of the Town Hall. Socially he is a member of Rice Post No. 148, G. A. R., in which he served as commander two terms, and is now officer of the day; of Plato Lodge, No. 203, I. O. O. F., in which he has been secretary (he has passed all the Chairs); and of Amherst Lodge No. 74, K. of P., of which he is deputy grand chancellor. Mr. Stiwald is an energetic citizen, deeply interested in everything tending toward the improvement of the community in which he resides.

WILLIAM JAMESON, a native-born farmer citizen of Avon township, is a son of Joseph B. and Avis (Smith) Jameson, the father a native of New Hampshire, the mother of Massachusetts, where they were married. In 1824 they came to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in the woods of Avon township, where they opened up a farm and made a permanent home. Mrs. Jameson died in 1834, and Mr. Jameson subsequently married Miss Mary Horr, who died in Avon township in 1893; to that union were born four children, of whom M. B., the only survivor, resides in Avon township.

William Jameson, whose name opens this memoir, was born in 1824, in Avon township, where he was reared, and received his elementary education in the common schools, supplemented by one term at Norwalk. He taught school for seven winters in Lorain and Cuyahoga counties, since when he has chiefly engaged in farming. In 1849 he located on a farm in Sheffield township, which is now known as Randall's Grove, and first built a log cabin thereon, which was afterward supplanted by a frame house. On that place he resided for sixteen years, improving the land, and then, in 1865, bought an improved farm of 102½ acres in Avon township, to which he himself has made many new improvements, and where he has since been successfully engaged in general farming; at one time he worked on this farm for twelve dollars per month. In 1852 Mr. Jameson was married, in Birmingham, Erie county, to Miss Laura Lamore, who was a native of LaGrange township, Lorain county, and the adopted daughter of Dr. Beaman, an early settler of French Creek. Mrs. Laura Jameson died in 1859, leaving one child, Clyde Burton, who is married and has two children: Everett E. and Norris Morey; he resides in Buffalo, N. Y. In 1859 our subject wedded, for his second wife, Miss Delia F. Stephens, who was born in Berkshire county, Mass., daughter of Benjamin and Lovicia (Foote) Stephens, both natives of Massachusetts and early settlers of Avon township, where they died. To this union was also born one child, George Chauncy, who graduated from the Philadelphia Medical University, class of 1893, and is now located at Oberlin, Ohio. His mother died in 1887. In politics Mr. Jameson is a Republican, and has served as assessor of Sheffield township. In religious faith he is a member of the Baptist Church at French Creek.

CLAYTON CHAPMAN, a rising and brilliant young attorney at law, and a justice of the peace, Elyria, is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, born February 5, 1868, a son of Lucian H. and DeEtte (Phelon) Chapman, also natives of the Buckeye State, and descended from old Massachusetts families.

He received a liberal education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth, and for a time taught school. At the age of about twenty he

commenced the study of law with A. R. Webber, the prosecuting attorney of Lorain county, whose office was in Elyria. On March 5, 1891, he was admitted to the bar, and at once commenced the practice of his chosen profession in Elyria. In November, 1890, being then but twenty-two years old, he was elected a justice of the peace of Elyria township, and is probably the youngest justice in the State of Ohio. He has already proven himself a jurist of considerable ability, and has the reputation of interpreting the law in its strictest sense and bearing, particularly in criminal cases. Politically he is an ardent Republican in politics, and socially he is a member and Regent of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Chapman was united in marriage August 31, 1892, with Miss Frances Mooers, of Elyria, daughter of A. H. and Arlette Mooers.

W. E. CAHOON is a native of the city of Elyria, where he resides, and was born May 15, 1846, a son of William O. and Melissa (Eldred) Cahoon, the former of whom was born in the State of New York, and in 1810, then two years old, came to Ohio with his parents.

Joseph Cahoon, grandfather of subject, was the first settler in Dover, Cuyahoga county, and the old home place is still in the possession of members of the family. Many changes have taken place on it in the lapse of years, but the old fireplace where they cooked their meals is still extant, also apple trees planted by Grandfather Cahoon, which have borne fruit ever since. On this place William O. Cahoon lived till he was about seventeen years old, when he moved to the southern part of the State for a time; then returning northward he finally, in 1835, settled in Elyria, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1878. His widow passed away in 1888. In politics he was a Republican and Free-soiler, and in church connection he was a Methodist. His family numbered five sons and one daughter. The eldest son, E. A., was a member of Battery E, First Ohio Artillery, in which he served two and one-half years, when he was honorably discharged.

W. E. Cahoon received his education at the public schools of the neighborhood of his home, and at the age of seventeen enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth O. V. I., one hundred days service, which regiment was sent to Virginia, Maryland, Harper's Ferry, Martinsburg and Maryland Heights, participating in the fight at John Brown's Schoolhouse. On his return home Mr. Cahoon learned the trade of tinner, which he followed about twelve years, but accidentally losing his right arm while firing off a cannon on Decoration Day, 1874, he closed up his business in 1878. In 1875 he was elected assessor of Elyria township, filling the office four consecutive years; in 1882 he was elected county recorder, serving till January 1, 1892, since when he has been abstracter of titles.

Mr. Cahoon was married, July 30, 1874, to Mrs. M. P. (Bush) Tyler, who was born in Fremont, Ohio, daughter of Rev. Enrotus H. and Mary (Goodsell) Bush, both of whom were born in Rochester, N. Y. Politically our subject is a stanch Republican, and socially he is a member of the G. A. R. and Royal Arcanum.

ROBERT COWLES, well-known in Eaton township as a well-to-do farmer and dairyman, and respected as a loyal and useful citizen, is a native of the Isle of Man, born in 1836.

He is a son of William and Mary (Commode) Cowles, also natives of the Isle of

Man, who in 1837 immigrated to the United States, locating in Rochester, N. Y., where the father worked at his trade, that of hatter. In 1849 they came to Eaton township, Lorain county, and here in the wild woods the family made a clearing for a new home, there residing till about 1861, when the father moved to Fulton county, Ohio, thence to Lake township, Wood Co., same State. He died in 1875, his wife in 1854, while they were living in Eaton township. A brief record of the children born to this couple is as follows: John died about 1866 in Fulton county, Ohio (during the Civil war he enlisted, in Fulton county, in the Sixty-seventh O. V. I., served three years, veteranized, and served till the close of the war); Jane was married to Thomas Crane, and died June 14, 1889, in Wood county, Ohio; Robert is the subject of this sketch; Charles resides in Michigan (he enlisted in the Civil war in Fulton county, Ohio); Henry died in April, 1891, in Wood county (he enlisted in Fulton county in the Sixty-seventh O. V. I., and served till the close of the war); William also enlisted in Fulton county, Ohio (he died in Michigan); Mary, who was the wife of Peter Domito, died in 1875 in Adrian, Michigan.

The subject proper of this sketch was, as will be seen, an infant when his parents brought him to this country. He received his education at the schools of Rochester, N. Y., and was trained to the arduous duties of the farm. In 1851 he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, at which he worked in that city for some years. In 1860 he went to Pike's Peak by the overland route, and there labored, and followed his trade; thence proceeded to South Park, where he worked two years, making salt. From there, in 1863, he proceeded by overland route to California, and engaged in teaming at Sutter Creek until 1865, in which year he went to Boise City, Idaho, where he was engaged in the construction of a building to be used as a factory wherein to grind quartz rock. After one year he returned to Amador county, Cal., and from there, in 1873, came to Ohio, first tarrying in Wood county, and then from there coming, in 1880, to Lorain county, finally settling in Eaton township, where he has since carried on farming operations, including dairying.

In 1878 Mr. Cowles was married to Miss Betsy Jane Spaulding, born in Eaton township, a daughter of Jesse and Repta (Howard) Spaulding (both now deceased), natives of New Hampshire, who in 1836 came to Lorain county, and in 1839 moved on a farm in Eaton township now owned by R. Cowles, with their family of six children —four sons and two daughters. One daughter died at the age of twelve years; the rest grew up on the farm. In their wilderness home they lived for some time, the nearest neighbors being one mile distant, and the farm was slowly cleared. Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding died on the farm, June 10, 1863, and April 22, 1875, respectively. The remaining daughter still lives on the farm. Politically Mr. Cowles is a Republican; Mrs. Cowles is a member of the Baptist Church in Columbia township, Lorain county.

SAMUEL BEAL, a leading agriculturist of Elyria township, is a native of Lorain county, born May 7, 1846, a son of Philip and Eva (Smith) Beal, who were married in Germany, where three of their children were born. They came to the United States, and settled in Lorain county, Ohio, on a farm where the father died in 1866, at the age of seventy-seven years. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Eva (wife of Christopher Decker), Maria (wife of John Kolpe), Lewis (now in Michigan), Susie (wife of C. Heeg), Paul, Mary, Moses and Samuel.

The subject of this sketch received his education at the common schools of his native township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. In 1870 he was married to Miss Catherine Eppley, and eight children were born to them, named as follows: Frank (married to Mary Barth), Cora (wife of Vernon Bender, and has one child, Lydia), Ora, Samuel, Charles, Harvey, Earl and Elmer. Mr. Beal owns 144 acres of land, and by industry and perserverance has accumulated a snug competence. In his political preferences he is a Republican, and in matters of religion he is an adherent of the Evangelical Church.

AMASA WEST, retired farmer and blacksmith, the cheerful ring of whose anvil has been heard for miles around his "smiddy" for many a day in Russia township, is a native of Massachusetts, born June 9, 1817, in Berkshire county, a son of Joshua and Mary (Newell) West, both also natives of Berkshire county, the mother born in the town of Lenox.

Joshua West, father of subject, was born in 1774, and his father hailed from the Cape Cod District. The family descend from one of three brothers who came from England to America many years ago, one of whom was entirely lost sight of. Joshua West was a lifelong farmer. He married Mary Newell, and in Lee, Berkshire Co., Mass., were born to them eleven children, eight of whom reached maturity, as follows: Washington, a farmer, who died in Pittsfield township, Lorain county; Carlos, a blacksmith by trade, who died in Tabor, Iowa; Josiah N., a blacksmith by trade, who also died in Tabor, Iowa; Oliver, a farmer of Pittsfield township, Lorain county, where he died; Mary, who became the wife of Henry Wolcott, died in Pittsfield; Amasa, subject of this sketch; Jesse, who died in Tabor, Iowa, being the first of the family to pass away (he was a strong Abolitionist and a warm friend of the negro); and Jane, widow of Albert Root, of Pittsfield, Ohio.

In the early spring of 1832 our subject and his brother Oliver came to Ohio by sleigh, there still being snow on the ground as far as nine miles west of Buffalo, N. Y., where, snow now disappearing, they traded their sleigh for a wagon, which brought them on to Wellington, Lorain county, where an older brother, Josiah Newell West, a blacksmith, had located, in whose shop our subject commenced an apprenticeship. In the fall of the same year the parents, with four of the remaining children — Washington, Jesse, Mary and Jane — came to Lorain county from Massachusetts, making the journey with two wagons—a two-horse and a single. They made their new home in Wellington township, two and one-half miles north of the center, on a totally unimproved farm then almost all in the woods; and after a few years' residence there the father moved to Portage county, Ohio, where he followed farming. In November, 1854, while on his way to Pittsfield on business, he stopped overnight at a wayside tavern, some ten miles southeast of Cleveland, where he accidentally fell downstairs and was killed; he was buried in Pittsfield cemetery. His widow died in 1861, and was laid to rest beside him. Mr. West in politics was a Whig, and in church relationship was a Presbyterian till coming to Ohio, when he united with the Congregationalists. At the time of his decease he was in comfortable circumstances, and in his earlier days he was one of the leading and most prosperous farmers of Berkshire county, Massachusetts.

Amasa West, whose name introduces this sketch, was educated at the common schools of the neighborhood of his home, and worked on his father's farm till fifteen years of age, when he commenced to learn

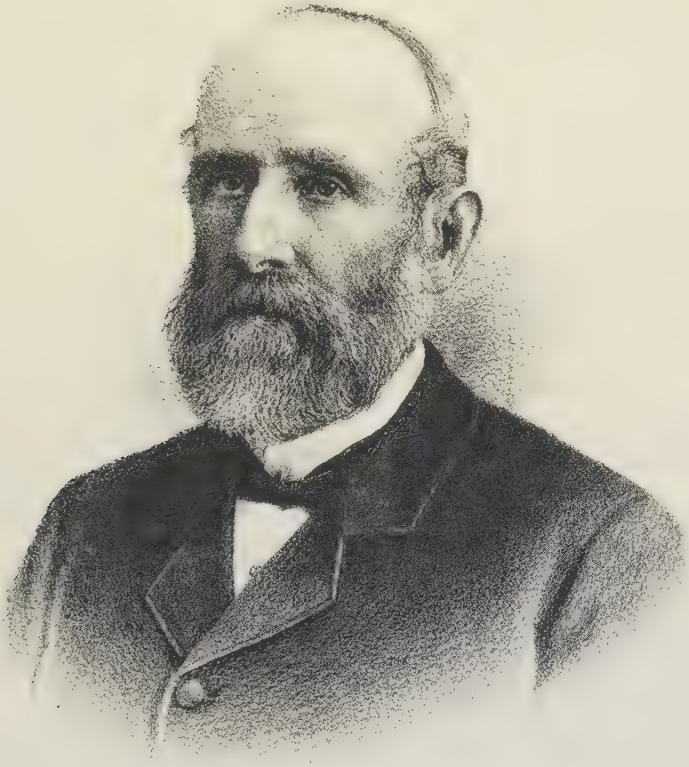
the trade of blacksmith at Wellington, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He then worked out, earning various wages at different places, at one smithy receiving one hundred dollars a year and his board, a day's work often being twelve or fourteen hours. After his marriage he located at Windham, Portage Co., Ohio, and there followed his trade till November, 1843, when he moved to Pittsfield, Lorain county. Here he bought a farm on which he resided till 1853, when he sold out, moved back to Windham, and bought a farm of 150 acres, where he lived till the death of his wife in September, 1854; in 1855 he sold his farm and traveled for two years. While in Pittsfield Mr. West had been for one and one-half years engaged in mercantile business, but failing health caused him to abandon it, and in 1859 he bought a farm in Henrietta, where he lived till the spring of 1879. He then moved to Oberlin in order to have his children educated, and while there he sold the farm in Henrietta township, buying his present one in Russia township, on which he has erected a modern residence, where he now lives in retirement.

On October 14, 1840, while working at his trade in Portage county, Ohio, Mr. West was married in Windham to Miss Hannah Lyman, daughter of Jeremiah Lyman, the first settler in Windham township, Portage county, and by this union there were three children: Martha, who died at the age of twelve years; Mary L. (now Mrs. Ira D. Bryant, of Spencer, Medina Co., Ohio), and Hannah M., living at home with her father. This wife died in September, 1854, and for his second wife Mr. West married, on May 28, 1858, Nancy B. Dudley, a native of Vermont, daughter of Jonathan Dudley. By this marriage there were five children, three of whom died in infancy, the remaining two being Edward D., a plumber by trade, and Harriet A., at home with her father. The mother of these passed from earth November 20, 1885, and lies buried in Henrietta township, Lorain county. Politically Mr. West was originally a Whig, his first Presidential vote being cast for William H. Harrison, and he is now a liberal Republican. He has been a member of the M. E. Church since 1843, and has frequently held office in same.

I. S. STRAW. Prominent among the thoroughly representative agriculturists of Carlisle township is found this gentleman.

He is a native of New York State, born April 29, 1830, a son of Ezra and Hannah (Colbeath) Straw, of New Hampshire birth. In an early day Ezra Straw moved to the northern part of New York State, and thence, in 1833, to Lorain county, Ohio, locating at first in Huntington township, afterward in Sheffield township, and finally settling in Amherst township. He died in 1854, his wife in 1887. In his political sympathies he was originally an Old-line Whig, in later years a Republican. They were the parents of seven children whom they reared to maturity, five of whom are yet living, namely: I. S., subject of this memoir; Ezra, a farmer of Black River township; Selina, widow of Sylvester Potter, of North Amherst; Marina, wife of W. P. Potter, of North Amherst; Sophia, wife of G. W. Barns, of Amherst township. On the father's side the family are German, on the mother's they are English.

As will be seen, our subject was a small boy when his parents came to Lorain county, and he was here reared and educated, receiving a thoroughly practical training to farming pursuits under his father's tuition. In 1864 he purchased his present farm in Carlisle township, one of the most fertile and best kept in the county. Mr. Straw has been thrice mar-



Isaac S. Straus

ried: first time, in Norwalk, Ohio, in 1854, to Miss Jane Murray, a native of Carlisle township, Lorain county, and daughter of Abner and Betsey Murray, pioneers of that township, where the mother died; the father passed away in Norwalk, Ohio. To this marriage were born three children, viz.: Murray A., who died in Colorado; Charles (married), residing in Elyria (has three children: Isaac N., Earl and Nellie); and Jennie M., wife of Harvey Walls, of Elyria. The mother of these was called from earth in 1863, and for his second wife Mr. Straw married, January 8, 1864, Miss Betsey Lawrence, a native of Vermont, and daughter of Steven Lawrence, a pioneer of Carlisle township, Lorain county; she died August 6, 1889. In July, 1892, Mr. Straw was united in marriage with Mrs. Sarah Penney Willson. In his political sympathies our subject is a straight Republican, active in the interests of his party. He has served as justice of the peace, and was a director of the County Infirmary sixteen years. He is highly respected and esteemed as a useful, loyal and progressive citizen.

HENRY TOWNSEND. This gentleman, who ranks among the well-known farmer citizens of Carlisle township, was born in 1831, in Warwickshire, England. His parents, William and Ann (Darlow) Townsend, were natives of the same county, where they passed their entire lives, the father dying at the age of seventy-five, the mother in about 1863.

Henry Townsend was reared in England, receiving during his youth but limited educational advantages, and after his school days were over followed farming in his native country until the age of twenty-six. In 1857 he immigrated to America, proceeding at once to Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he engaged in agricultural work. He subsequently went to Sugar Ridge, Ridgeville township, and in 1862 came to Carlisle township, locating on the farm where he has since made his home. He purchased twenty-nine acres, then in the woods, cleared a place to build a house, and has made all the improvements on the tract with his own hands. He has added to the farm from time to time, and now owns one hundred acres, all highly improved and cultivated, upon which he has erected a good house and barn. A sister of our subject, the wife of John Smith, who came to Lorain county in 1857, resides on an adjoining farm in Carlisle township.

In 1862 Mr. Townsend was united in marriage, in Eaton township, with Miss Ann Roach, who was born in Northamptonshire, England, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Eames) Roach. Her parents, who were also natives of Northamptonshire, in 1856 came from England to the United States, locating first in Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where they remained one year, thence moving to Ridgeville, where they resided for two years. The family next lived a year at Plum Creek, and finally moved to Eaton township, where they opened up a farm, and made a permanent home. Mr. and Mrs. Roach were the parents of eight children, as follows: Mary, wife of Samuel Mattock, of Defiance county, Ohio; Ann, Mrs. Townsend; Joseph, married and residing in Hall county, Neb.; William, who enlisted, in 1861, in Company K, Twenty-third O. V. I., and was killed November 15, 1861, at Camp Ewing, W. Va. (he was accidentally shot); Thomas, who died in infancy, in England; Betsey, wife of Henry Montague, residing in New Chanute, Kans.; Sophia, wife of Peter Watts, of Knightstown, Henry Co., Ind.; and Thomas, a resident of Eaton township. The mother of this family died in Amherst township in 1856, the father in 1888 at the home of Mr. Townsend.

In politics our subject is a Republican, takes an active interest in the welfare of his party, and has served as trustee and supervisor of his township. He has always followed farming in the township, and he and his wife are among the most prominent and highly respected members of the community in which they reside. To their union have come two children, as follows: William, who on April 22, 1886, was united in marriage with Miss Celia Jane Philpott, of Elyria (he is engaged in farming on the home farm); and Martha Sophia, at home.

A. E. SQUIRES, a well-known merchant at Turner's Mills, is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, born August 16, 1837, in Carlisle township.

His parents, Abner and Lois Squires, were natives of Vermont, and in 1831 migrated westward to Lorain county, Ohio, settling in Carlisle, where the father, who was a farmer, died in 1851, his widow in 1864. He was a Democrat in political faith. These pioneers reared a family of eight children (four of whom are yet living), namely: Emily, widow of Abel M. Thorpe, residing in Elyria township; Ida, who was married to A. Pangborn, and died in Elyria township; Anson, deceased in Elyria; Truman, married, and residing in Story county, Iowa; Susan, wife of Charles B. Sutliff, both now deceased; Ezra, married, and residing in Michigan; Louisa, Mrs. Halford, who died in Pittsfield; and A. E.

A. E. Squires was reared in his native township, receiving his education at the common schools of the district. In 1861 he enlisted, for three years, in Company K, Twenty-third Regiment, O. V. I., was mustered in at Columbus, Ohio, and served with the army of the Potomac, participating in the engagements at South Mountain and Antietam, besides many skirmishes. In 1864 he received an honorable discharge and returned home, but subsequently re-enlisted, this time in the Eleventh O. V. I., and was with Sherman on his march to the sea, served throughout the Carolina campaign, and took part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C. He was mustered out of the service at Camp Dennison, and immediately returned to Carlisle township, where he commenced to follow the trade of carpenter and builder.

On January 31, 1860 Mr. Squires was married, in Carlisle township, to Miss Catherine Cornell, who was born in Pittsfield, Lorain county, daughter of George Cornell, an early pioneer of the county, where he lived and died. To this union was born one son, Orville, whose mother died in 1883. On August 1, 1892, Mr. Squires was married, in Carlisle township, to Mrs. Emma Pember, widow of De Witt Pember, of Carlisle; she is a native of Summit county, Ohio, daughter of William Manning, who removed from Summit county to Carlisle township, Lorain county, where he died in 1867. In politics Mr. Squires is a Prohibitionist, and served for one year, 1891, as postmaster at Turner's Mills, when the office was discontinued. He has been engaged in the grocery business at Turner's Mills since 1890.

WARREN W. BLAINE, owner of as fertile and well-conducted a farm as can be found in Ridgeville township, is a native of same, born in 1837, a son of Richard and Fannie (Fuller) Blaine.

Richard Blaine was born in Genesee county, N. Y., a son of Wilson and Hannah (Vannatten) Blaine, who were natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. In 1819, when Richard was a lad of six summers, they came from Genesee

county, N. Y., to Lorain county, Ohio, and made a settlement in Ridgeville township, at that time all woodland. Wilson Blaine lived also for a time in Eaton township, but the greater part of his life was passed in Ridgeville, where he and his wife died, the latter in 1861. Grandfather Warren Fuller came to Olmsted, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, in an early day.

Richard Blaine, father of subject, received his education at the common schools of Ridgeville township, and at La Porte. He made agriculture his life work, and became prosperous. He was married, in Olmsted, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, to Miss Fannie Fuller, and they then commenced married life on the homestead in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, making their home in an old log cabin. The children born to them were four in number, as follows: Warren W., subject of this sketch; James, who resides in Cleveland; Vesty, wife of Noah Peck, of Ridgeville township; and Harlon, who died in Ridgeville township about 1856. The father of these died in 1877, the mother in 1886. He was at first a Whig in his political views, later a Republican, and served in various township offices.

Warren W. Blaine, the subject proper of this sketch, received his primary education at the common schools of Ridgeville township, which he supplemented with a course of study at Berea (Ohio) College. He had a practical training in agricultural pursuits under his father's tuition, and has made farming his life work. In 1861 he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Watson, a native of Ridgeville township, Lorain county, daughter of John Watson (deceased), who was an Englishman by birth and an early settler of Ridgeville. Seven children were born to this union, as follows: Martin, residing in Ridgeville, who is married, and has two children, Theodore and Melvin; R. E., wife of Ed. Terrell, residing in Elyria, has two children, Orville and Elfa; Elfa, who was the wife of John Reed, and died in California in 1888, leaving one child, Olive E.; Janie, Harlon, Fannie and Emma. Mr. Blaine owns the old homestead in Ridgeville township, aggregating 131 acres of well-cultivated land. Politically he is a Republican.

ADDISON E. LORD, manufacturer of cigars, Elyria, is a native of Connecticut, born at Warehouse Point, Hartford county, October 16, 1842, a son of Chester Adkins and Lucretia (Moran) Lord, also natives of the Nutmeg State, and descended from old New England stock. The father, who was for over forty years a stationary engineer, lived to be eighty-two years of age. They had eight children (subject being the youngest), of whom one son and four daughters are yet living. The parents died in 1845, on May 17 and July 2, respectively.

Addison E. Lord received his education at the common schools of the vicinity of his place of birth, and at the age of fourteen (1857) went on a whaling expedition to the sea of Ochotsk, east of Russia in Asia (eastern Siberia); thence sailed to the Pacific Ocean, visiting, among other places of importance, New Zealand. In July, 1861, he returned to his old home, to find the country about to plunge into a terrible Civil war, and he remained but one short month in peaceful quietude, when, fired by the spirit of patriotism, he joined the U. S. navy as a seaman. He served three years and four months, cruising along the coast from the Mississippi to Galveston, Texas. In the winter of 1864 he once more returned to the pursuits of peace, coming direct to Elyria, Ohio, where he had a brother engaged in the cigar-making business, with whom he found employment, learning the trade. With him he remained until 1874, when he opened out in the same town for his own account, doing an

exclusively wholesale business till 1877, in which year he moved into his present building, and commenced the retail trade in company with F. H. Sudro (abandoning the wholesale); he has since done a flourishing business, keeping a large and choice stock, chiefly of his own manufacture.

Mr. Lord was married in January, 1866, to Miss Louise Ward, a native of Elyria, and three children came to brighten their home, viz.: Burton H., died April 17, 1870; Ed. G. and Pearl. Mrs. Lord's parents, Lyman and Calista Ward, were natives of Vermont; the father died August 6, 1872, the mother November 8, 1876. Mr. Lord is a Republican in politics; socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., I. O. O. F. and G. A. R., and a charter member of the K. of H., L. of H., and I. O. F. Of the I. O. O. F. he has been a member for twenty-three years, has filled the Chairs from warden to noble grand, and has been a representative to the Grand Lodge. Mr. Lord is a useful citizen, popular and progressive, and has done his part toward the growth and prosperity of his adopted county and town.

DR. MOYSEY, the leading veterinary surgeon of Elyria, was born April 19, 1858, in Mansfield, Richland Co., Ohio, a son of R. R. and Sallie (Dennison) Moysey, both of whom were born in Lincolnshire, England. In 1852 R. R. Moysey came from England to Mansfield, Ohio, where he resided for sixteen years, and then moved to Kelley's Island, Ohio, where he has ever since made his home. For twenty-five years he has devoted his time and attention to grape culture and wine making, and he is one of the proprietors of the Sweet Valley Wine Company.

The subject of this sketch received his education at the common schools of the vicinity of his place of birth, and was reared to his father's grape business on Kelley's Island in Lake Erie, until he commenced the study of veterinary surgery. In 1885 he entered the Veterinary College at Chicago, graduating from same in 1887. He then came to Elyria, and practiced his profession exclusively till about two years ago, when he opened a livery stable in connection, having as a partner J. L. Reed, and he does an extensive business in both interests.

On April 24, 1883, D. R. Moysey was united in marriage with Miss Sallie D. Carpenter (who was also reared on Kelley's Island), daughter of Charles Carpenter, who was born in Norwich, Conn.; her mother was born at Rockport, Ohio, and was one of the old Kelley family. To this marriage children were born as follows: Lynne, Mildred, Mabel and Florence. Our subject is a Republican, and is a popular, loyal citizen.

PHILIP RITZENTHALER, a member of the well-known firm of Breckenridge & Ritzenthaler, merchants, Kipton, is a native of Baden, Germany, born August 14, 1841, a son of Philip Ritzenthaler.

In 1851 the family, consisting of parents, three sons and one daughter, left the Fatherland for the distant shores of America, sailing from Havre, France, for New York, where they landed after a voyage of thirty days. From there they proceeded to Dunkirk, thence to Sandusky, Ohio, and in Milan township, Erie county, the father bought land. Later he moved to Wakeman township, Huron county, where he sojourned a short time, and then, on account of impaired health, came to Norwalk, same county, where he lived a retired life, and died in March, 1861. He was well-to-do, but having financially assisted other German families to come to America, and failing to be repaid by them in

any shape, he lost a considerable amount of money. He had a family of eight children, of whom are yet living: Barnhart, a farmer in Baden, Germany; Charles, a farmer of Ontario county, N. Y.; George, of Erie county, Ohio; Philip, subject of sketch; Mary, Mrs. Anthony Siebolt, of Erie county, Ohio; and Emma, Mrs. Nahm, a widow, of Fremont, Ohio.

Philip Ritzenthaler, whose name opens this sketch, received a limited education at the schools of his native place, and at the age of fourteen, being now in Ohio with his parents, left home to do for himself. In 1857 he came to Kipton, and worked for O. Bowen, who then conducted a hotel, and was also ticket agent for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company at that place, and also attended the pumping station for the same company. Here he remained some four or five months, and then went to the farm of Hiram Prentice, near Kipton, with whom he worked for some years at from four to eight dollars per month, and board, in the summers, and in the winters for his board only, as he attended school a good part of the time. From Mr. Prentice he went in 1861 to live with John P. Lee, but October 31, same year, he enlisted in Company H, Forty-third O. V. I.; he participated in the battle of New Madrid (near Island No. 10), the Corinth campaign, and second battle of Corinth. After serving two years and three months, he reënlisted, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea, experiencing all the hardships of that memorable campaign. He served in all three years and nine months. In July, 1865, he was discharged from the service at Louisville, Ky., returning to Camden township, Lorain county, and for two years following again worked for Hiram Prentice. In 1867 he went to Moore county, Minn., and cultivated a piece of land he had purchased there, but after a residence of two years and three months he returned to Kipton. In 1869, after his marriage, he and his young wife went into housekeeping in Ontario county, N. Y., where he managed a farm for three years, and once more returned to Kipton. In 1880 Mr. Ritzenthaler entered the general store of William Douglass at Kipton, as partner, and after two years served as postmaster under C. A. Arthur, at the same time clerking in the store of Douglass & Rose. For some time thereafter he was in the creamery business with E. Jones, of Fostoria, Ohio; later became clerk for B. F. Breckenridge at Kipton, and in 1890 they formed a partnership which has since continued.

In July, 1869, our subject married Miss Hattie M. Allen, born in Henrietta township, Lorain Co., Ohio, a daughter of Rosewell Allen. She died in 1875 in Kipton, and was buried in Oberlin, the mother of two children: Nellie M., now Mrs. William L. Moninger, of Waynesboro, Penn., and Laura M., now Mrs. L. C. Bates, of Lorain, Ohio. For his second wife Mr. Ritzenthaler married, in 1879, Miss Annetta Eddy, who was born in Camden township, Lorain county, a daughter of Squire Eddy, a pioneer citizen of Camden township. To this union were born children, as follows: Nettie L.; Reuben E., who died at the age of six months, and Flossie E., all living. In his political sympathies our subject has always been a stanch Republican, has held various township offices, and is now serving as clerk with fidelity and ability.

HENRY PIFER. This representative, prosperous agriculturist of Rochester township is a son of Christian and Catherine (Garner) Pifer, natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

In 1836 the parents came to Ohio, locating on a farm in Orange township, Ashland county, where the father bought thirty acres of wild land, that part of the country being entirely new, without a single

road in it, only blazed trees marking a path through the woods. A temporary log house was built, and in course of time a better one; thirty acres were added to the first purchase, and, later, still more, until the farm aggregated 114 acres. Children as follows were born to this pioneer couple: Jacob, who resides in Marion county, Iowa; Elizabeth, single, who resides on the home farm; Martha, who makes her home in Brighton, Lorain county; Mary, who is the widow of Isaac Lydick, of Orange township, Ashland county; Samuel, a farmer of Orange township; and Henry, whose name opens this sketch. The father of this family died in July, 1881, aged seventy-five years; the mother on August 20, 1893, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years, one month, fourteen days, and they lie side by side in Orange cemetery, Ashland county. They were members of the Dunkard Church, and in politics Mr. Pifer was a Republican.

Henry Pifer, whose name introduces this sketch, was born September 11, 1841, in Orange township, Ashland Co., Ohio. In 1865 he came to Lorain county, where for a year he was employed on the farm of Josephus Clark, and then rented land. After his marriage he rented a farm in Ruggles township, Ashland county, for a few years, and in 1873 bought seventy-five acres in Rochester township, Lorain county, which is embodied in his present farm. Hither he removed, and there resided until his purchase from Thomas Knapp of the piece of land whereon he now has his residence, and which lies opposite his seventy-five acre farm. He now owns 118½ acres of excellent land, all greatly improved by him, and in addition to general farming he is extensively engaged in the dairy business.

On March 24, 1864, Mr. Pifer married Miss Mary A. Krebs, who was born September 16, 1841, in Orange township, Ashland county, a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Rickett) Krebs, and two children were born to this union: Jennie M., now Mrs. Henry Barnes, of Rochester, Lorain county, and Loran, at home with her parents. Politically our subject is a stanch Democrat, formerly as stanch a Republican, his first vote being cast for Brough for governor of Ohio. He and his wife are both consistent members of the Congregational Church at Rochester.

GEORGE H. BRADNER, prominent in the farming community of Huntington township, was born in 1833 in Chester, Mass., a son of S. D. Bradner, who was born in 1800 in the State of New York.

In 1833 S. D. Bradner came to Ohio, having secured by trade some 500 acres of wild land in Huntington township, Lorain county. In Massachusetts he had married, a year or two before, Miss Louisa Holland, a native of that State, and four children were born to them, viz.: Margaret, married to S. S. Warner, of Wellington, Lorain county; George H., subject proper of sketch; Frank, who died at about the age of forty years; and John H., in the coal business in Cleveland. The parents died in Wellington township, the father in 1875, the mother in 1870.

George H. Bradner was, as will be seen, but an infant when the family came from the East to Lorain county, the common schools of which he attended, also Oberlin College two terms. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and is now the owner of a large, highly-improved farm in Huntington township, on which he erected a comfortable brick residence. Up to 1888 he lived continuously there, with the exception of two years he spent in Michigan, and he was a resident of Wellington some four years. In 1861 our subject married Miss Anna M. Benallack, a native of Cornwall, England, and six children

have been born to them, as follows: Samuel Denton, residing in Wellington, who is married and has two children—Vera and Susie; Mary, wife of B. Royce, has one child; Margaret and Orrie, at home; and two that died in infancy. Politically Mr. Bradner is a Republican; his wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

JOSEPH STORROW, a leader in the agricultural interests of Wellington township, is a native of Upper Canada (now Province of Ontario), born August 7, 1828.

Joseph Storrow, his father, born in England in 1780, immigrated to America when thirty years old, and his first vocation in the New World was in the lumber business in Schenectady, N. Y. He made frequent visits to friends and relatives in his native land, having crossed the ocean some five times for no other purpose. He married Miss Triphena Freeman, who was a native, it is supposed, of Pennsylvania, and five children were born to them, namely: Thomas, a farmer in Brighton township, Lorain county; Rowena (deceased), who was married to Miren Merls; Louisa, wife of K. Baird; May A., wife of Louis Barge, and Joseph. The father died in Wellington, Ohio, February 5, 1858, the mother on November 27, 1844.

The subject proper of this sketch received a liberal education, and was reared to farming pursuits. On August 30, 1854, he was united in marriage with Miss Emily Bunce, a native of New York State, daughter of Isaac and Cornelia (Vosburgh) Bunce, of Vermont and New York birth, respectively, who in an early day came west to Ohio, settling in Brighton township, Lorain county, where the father died at the age of sixty-one years, the mother when forty-five years old; they were members of the M. E. Church; their children were as follows: Emily, Mrs. Joseph Storrow; Christina, Mrs. Leonard, residing in Huntington; Susan, widow of A. Twaddle; Elizabeth, Mrs. George Gillett, living in Brighton township; and Mary, married to Horatio B. Beardsly, of Rochester township.

To our subject and wife have been born two children: Hubert, born October 20, 1855, received his education in the district schools, and married Miss Eva Willard; they have five children: Emily E., Cynthiana, Cora Dell, Carrie Bell, and Joseph Hubert, an engineer on the Kansas Railroad, residing at Kansas City. (2) Byron A., born January 4, 1860, attended the neighboring schools, and on January 1, 1891, married Miss Delia Walters, a native of Spencer, Ohio. Mr. Storrow came to his present farm in Wellington township in April, 1838, nearly fifty-six years ago, then a boy of ten summers, and has made farming his life work. He now owns 150 acres of land. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

HARVEY M. PEABODY, one of the most prominent and prosperous agriculturists of Russia township, is a native of the Green Mountain State, born October 20, 1837, in Irasburg, Orleans county, a son of David and Sarah E. (Tuller) Peabody.

David Peabody, father of subject, was born July 10, 1812, in Londonderry, N. H., a son of Andrew Peabody, born in 1759, who followed the dual trades of tailor and shoemaker. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was three times married; by his first wife he had no issue; by his second he had three children—Elias, Daniel and Andrew—and by his third, who was a Miss Hannah Beadle (sister to his second wife), born in 1777, he had nine children, as follows: Susan, born in 1797, married Richard Kelley, and died in Am-

herst township, Lorain county; Charlotte, born in 1801, married R. Bailey, and died in Henrietta township, Lorain county; Clarissa, born in 1803, married Omar Bailey, and died in Russia township; Mercy, born in 1806, married James Mitchell, and died in Michigan; Nathan, born in 1808, died during the war of the Rebellion, in Virginia; Harriet, born in 1810, married Charles Mitchell and lives in Montcalm county, Mich.; David and Aaron (twins), born in 1812, of whom David is the father of our subject, and Aaron resides in Eaton county, Mich.; and Mary Maria, born in 1814, married twice, first to Calvin Briggs, and afterward to Elisha Aldridge (she died in Nebraska). The father of this large family died July 4, 1839, in New Hampshire, his last wife on July 6, 1842, and they are buried at the head of Lake Memphremagog, in Orleans county, Vermont.

David Peabody was reared on a farm, and educated at the common schools of his native place. On January 13, 1837, he was united in marriage with Sarah Emeline Tuller, who was born in 1814 at St. Albans, Vt., daughter of Samuel Tuller, and Mr. Peabody then settled down to agricultural labor at his home in Vermont till September, 1842, when he came to Ohio with his family, the journey being made by canal and lake to Cleveland. Thence they proceeded by team to Russia township, Lorain county, where he bought twelve acres of land, subsequently adding fifty acres, where he has since had his home. The children born to David and Sarah E. Peabody are Harvey M., the subject proper of this sketch; Alonzo, born March 20, 1840, and Richard (an invalid), born May 20, 1845. In politics Mr. Peabody is a Republican, formerly a Democrat, and he (as was also his wife) is a member of the First Congregational Church. His wife was called from earth September 9, 1880.

Harvey M. Peabody, the subject proper of this memoir, was, as will be seen, about five years old when the family came to Ohio. He attended the common schools of Lorain county, and was reared to agricultural pursuits on his father's farm, under his tuition. When sixteen years of age he commenced working for Squire Roberts, with whom he remained three years, and in part payment for his services he received twenty acres of land, which was his first property. Later he and his father together bought a small tract of land, and still later our subject traded with his father, receiving a tract of seventy acres in exchange for what he then owned, and as a result of such trading and later purchases he is now the owner of 336 acres, accumulated since he was a young man working for two shillings a day.

On December 30, 1866, our subject was united in marriage with Martha Petty, who was born February 29, 1844, in Henrietta township, Lorain Co., Ohio, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann (Simpson) Petty, and five children, as follows, have been born to them: William H. and Clayton D., farmers in Russia township, Lorain county; and Otis E., Mattie B. and Ethel B., all at home with their parents. Mr. Peabody is a Republican, but is not an active politician, as his time is fully occupied with his business; he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, of which he is a trustee.

DAVID L. GIBBS, a prominent farmer and stockman of Carlisle township, is a native of same, born March 15, 1828, a son of Ransom and Julia (Pritchard) Gibbs.

The father of our subject was born in Waterbury, Conn., and was reared, educated and married in New Haven county. After the birth of their first child there, he and his wife came to Ohio, and made a settlement in Carlisle township, Lorain county, Mr. Gibbs cutting two miles of the Elyria road, and building a log house at

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the end of the road, where he made his new home, the family being among the first settlers on Murray Ridge. The father died March 17, 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-three, the mother when fifty-eight years old. Grandfather Obed Gibbs came to the county at the same time, accompanied by his wife, Hannah (Scoville), and they both died in Carlisle township. To Ransom and Julia (Pritchard) Gibbs were born four children, viz.: Jane, who was married to George Boughton, and died in Nebraska; Lewis, deceased in Washington City; Harriet, wife of Alonson Wooster, of Elyria; and David L.

The subject of these lines received his education in the public schools of Carlisle township, and from early boyhood worked on the farm. He is now owner of 204 acres of highly-cultivated land, where he carries on stock farming. In 1849 he married Miss Jane M. Slauter, a native of Pennsylvania, and two children blessed their union: Carrie, wife of M. L. Chapman, of Denver, Colo. (they have three children—Hattie, Nellie and Henry); and Hattie V., wife of F. M. Hance, now of Oberlin. Politically Mr. Gibbs is a Democrat.

ORSON M. CARVEY. Among the foremost of the progressive and successful farmers of Rochester township is to be found this gentleman, who is a son of William Carvey.

William Carvey, grandfather of Orson M., was born in New York State, near the spot where Washington marshaled his army in martial array, and in which vicinity many other noted events of the war of Independence transpired. In 1820 he removed with his family to Goshen, same State, and after four years residence there made a final settlement in the town of Jerusalem (also in New York State), where he died March 15, 1832. His son William, father of our subject, was born June 14, 1809, in Little Britain, Orange Co., N. Y., and was eleven years old when his parents took him to Goshen, and fifteen when they removed to Jerusalem. In New York State, in 1832, he married Miss Eunice Thomas, who was born October 4, 1811, and October 15, 1832, they set out for Lorain county, Ohio, arriving after a tedious journey of three weeks. He located on the "Dodge farm," adjoining the present homestead of our subject, subsequently buying the latter (at that time a tract of seventy acres), paying twenty shillings ($2.50) per acre for same. To build a log house was no easy task, but the expense was comparatively light, as the total cost of hauling to the spot all the logs required was only eight shillings ($1.00). On March 1, 1833, the rude cabin was "completed" and ready for the family, though it had neither door, window nor hearth. For two years after coming to Rochester township he voted in Huntington township, and at the first election held in the former there were but seventeen votes cast; his first Presidential vote was cast for Andrew Jackson. The record of the children born to this worthy old pioneer is as follows: Lydia L., now Mrs. W. R. McConnell, of Rochester township; Nancy L., who married James Jennings, and died on the home farm; Berton W., who was a soldier in Battery B, First O. V. A., and died in hospital at Nashville, Tenn., of disease contracted in the service; Harriet L., Mrs. Frederick Peet, of Rochester township; Ellen L., Mrs. Frank Corey, of Quincy, Mich.; and Orson M., subject of sketch. The father died September 13, 1886, the mother on January 24, same year, and they sleep their last sleep in Beckley Cemetery, Rochester township. Mr. Carvey was originally an Old-line Whig, till the organization of the Republican party, when he enrolled himself under their banner, remaining true to his colors until the day of his death.

Orson M. Carvey, the subject proper of these lines, was born April 23, 1852, in Rochester township, Lorain county, on the same farm he yet owns and resides upon. He received a liberal district-school education, his first teacher being Rhoda Close, who boarded at his father's house, and was an intimate friend of the family. Thoroughly trained to agriculture, Mr. Carvey has proven himself to be one of the most successful in his vocation in the county. After the death of his parents he bought out the rest of the heirs, and has since enjoyed the entire ownership of the original 100-acre farm, where he has carried on general agriculture, including dairying.

On December 30, 1874, Mr. Carvey married Miss Mary McConnell, who was born November 17, 1846, in New London, Ohio, a daughter of William and Martha (Rohrback) McConnell, who several years ago came from Oswego, N. Y., to Huron county, Ohio, making their home in New London. Mrs. Carvey is a cultured lady, and at Oberlin University studied vocal and instrumental music. One child, Fred W., a bright little boy, born April 29, 1881, completes the happy family circle. The lad has succeeded in training a couple of sheep to pull him and his little wagon about, and they can haul him a considerable distance with the greatest ease. Politically our subject is a Republican, and takes an active interest in all elections.

C. S. MILLS. Among the well-known and influential citizens of Ridgeville township, none occupies a more prominent place than this gentleman.

He was born in Ridgeville township December 7, 1829, son of Samuel and Sally (Vannatten) Mills, the former of whom was a native of Jefferson county, N. Y., the latter of Connecticut. In 1818 or 1820 Samuel Mills came westward to Lorain county, Ohio, locating in the eastern part of Ridgeville township, where he purchased 100 acres of land, subsequently adding thereto until he had a farm of 220 acres. On January 2, 1821, he was married in Lorain county to Sally Vannatten, and they became the parents of children as follows: Hiram V., born January 1, 1822, who died in Jefferson county, N. Y., in February, 1859; Alfred D., born July 11, 1824, who died in Chicago, Ill., in August, 1850; H. D.; P. Amelia, who died in 1834; and C. S., subject of this biographical memoir. The father of this family served in the war of 1812, participating in the battle of Sacket's Harbor. In politics he was an active Whig, and served as justice of the peace. He passed to his long home June 24, 1839, survived for many years by his wife, who died in Ridgeville, Lorain county, May 5, 1873.

Grandfather Mills, who was a native of Connecticut, settled in an early day in northern New York, and later came to Lorain county, Ohio, where he passed his closing years, dying in Elyria June 26, 1858, when aged eighty-nine. He was married three times, and had children by each union; the grandmother of our subject, who was a Woodruff, died in New York.

C. S. Mills was reared in his native township, and there received his primary education, subsequently attending school at Oberlin, Ohio, and Watertown, N. Y. When twenty-three years of age he was united in marriage with Miss Jane Terrell, a native of Ridgeville township, and their home has been brightened by children as follows: Two who died when young; Ada, Mrs. Brown, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Jennie, residing at home; and Harry, residing on the home farm, who is married and has one child, C. S. Mr. Mills is a lifelong farmer, and, with the exception of eighteen years he resided in Eaton township, where he bought a farm, has made Ridgeville township his home. He now owns 155 acres in Eaton town-

ship, besides fifteen acres of the home farm in Ridgeville township, where he resides. Politically our subject is a life-long Republican; he cast his first vote for Gen. Scott, and has ever since taken a prominent part in public affairs, being a wheel-horse of the Republican party in Ridgeville township. In 1874 he was elected county commissioner, and served in that office nine consecutive years, during which time he was appointed by the board of commissioners to superintend the erection of the courthouse.

J. W. LEASHER, a popular citizen of Russia township, was born August 12, 1839, in Bullskin township, Fayette Co., Penn., son of John Leasher, a native of Franklin county, Penn., who was a shoemaker and farmer. He married Martha Doubler, who was born in Germany in 1800, and four years later came to America; she died in 1876, in Mt. Pleasant, Penn., at the home of her son, J. C. Leasher. She was the mother of ten children—five sons and five daughters—of whom our subject was the fourth son. The father died in 1856, and the children were then obliged to take care of themselves.

J. W. Leasher received a common-school education, and when twelve years of age hired out as a farm hand at six dollars a month, continuing at that occupation for years in his native county. He was also employed as a miner in the Youghiogheny river country, and saw the first coke ovens built in that section. On May 18, 1865, he married Miss Rachel B. Strickler, who was born January 18, 1839, in Tyrone township, Fayette Co., Penn., daughter of John R. and Esther (Cochran) Strickler. The Stricklers are descended from one of nine brothers who came from Germany to Chester county, Penn., prior to the Revolutionary war. They were "tall, straight and fair, blue eyes and sandy hair, good looking." The Cochran family were of Scotch-Irish extraction, coming from the North of Ireland and locating in Delaware, whence they removed to Fayette county, Pennsylvania.

After his marriage Mr. Leasher rented property, which he worked on shares, and in February, 1868, moved from Pennsylvania to Russia township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he had purchased the old Carter farm of one hundred acres, upon which he has since resided. He has been successfully engaged in general farming on this place, where he has made a very comfortable home. Politically he is a Republican, though not active in party affairs; in religious connection he is a member of the Disciple Church at Kipton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Leasher have no children of their own, and their home has sheltered many young children. They are most agreeable neighbors, and are highly esteemed by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.

PETER SCHRAMM, one of the most extensive farmers of Russia township, is a native of Bavaria, Germany, born September 5, 1836, to George P. and Catherine (Berg) Schramm, who came to America in 1848. George P. Schramm died August 8, 1861, aged fifty-seven years, four months, three days; Mrs. Catherine Schramm died September 4, 1890, aged eighty-four years, five months.

Our subject attended school in his native country until twelve years of age, when he came with his parents to the United States, where they settled in Russia township, Lorain Co., Ohio. He attended school four winters in Russia township, and then commenced to work. After the death of his father, he and a brother took charge of

the home place, and being hard-working and industrious they succeeded in paying off the other heirs, continuing to work the farm in partnership until 1880. In the fall of that year Peter Schramm was united in marriage with Mary Kane, a native of Germany, who came to America when quite young. To this union have been born five children, namely: Jacob A., Frederick J., Emma D., Franklin G. and Catherine S. Soon after marriage Mr. Schramm settled on his present farm, which now comprises 178 acres of land, upon which he has made numerous improvements. He is a model farmer, and one of the best and most successful in Russia township, having, by energy, perseverance and strict attention to business, risen from a poor boy to his present prosperous position. Politically he is a Democrat, in religious faith an adherent of the Congregational Church.

JOHN SCHRAMM, a successful farmer of Russia township, was born November 1, 1838, in Rhine-Pfalz, Bavaria, Germany, son of George Peter and Catherine (Berg) Schramm, farming people of Rhine-Pfalz. They had seven children—four sons and three daughters—and in June, 1848, came to America with six of their family, Jacob, the remaining son, following four years later. They set sail from Bremen, and after a voyage of thirty-eight days landed in New York, whence they at once proceeded, by way of the Erie Canal and Lake Erie, to Russia township, Lorain Co., Ohio. The father purchased seventy acres of land at ten dollars an acre, then nearly all in the woods, and here the parents passed their remaining years, the mother dying in 1890, the father some years previous; they were buried in Carlisle cemetery. In religion they were both members of the Congregational Church.

John Schramm attended school in his native country, and later in Russia township, Lorain county, and was reared to the arduous duties of farm life, continuing in same on the home place until his marriage. On January 27, 1870, he married Miss Catherine Miller, who was born June 28, 1850, in Rhine-Pfalz, Bavaria, Germany, daughter of Jacob Miller, and came to New York August 1, 1868. For some years Mr. Schramm had farmed in partnership with his brother Peter, but upon his marriage they divided their interests, our subject remaining on the home farm for ten years, when, in 1880, he removed to the place where he yet resides. By hard work, economy and perseverance Mr. Schramm has increased his possessions, until he now owns a fine farm of 170 acres. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church. They have five children: George P., Sophia M., Henry J., Carrie A. and Albert E.

D. J. PECK, representing several fire, life and accident insurance companies, in Elyria, is a native of Ohio, born in Olmsted township, Cuyahoga county, December 29, 1825, a son of Buel and Sallie (Barnum) Peck, the former of whom was born January 20, 1794, in Addison county, Vt., the latter born October 10, 1793.

Buel Peck was among the many emigrants who left New England in 1817, on account of the cold season of 1816, and the consequent dearth of food, and he and his family passed through Ohio with ox wagons, reaching Ridgeville October 11, 1817. He bought one hundred acres of land for five hundred dollars at Ridgeville, and for the same price was offered a similar amount of land where the city of Cleveland now stands. He was a hard-working, honest, industrious man. He died August 11, 1864, in Ridgeville, on

the farm whereon he settled in 1817. His father, William Peck, was born in Connecticut, but spent the greater part of his life in Vermont. The mother of subject died September 1, 1857. She was a daughter of John Barnum, a native of Vermont, whose father, Joseph Barnum was also from that State. John Barnum, our subject's maternal grandfather, was the second to be buried in the town of Ridgeville, Ohio; he was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. At the time when Buel and Sallie Peck came to Ridgeville, the latter's parents were living

D. J. Peck received his education at the high school in Elyria, and then returned to the home farm, where he remained till five years after his father's death. In 1870 he visited Madison, Wis., for one year, and on his return to Lorain county he took up his present line of business. Politically he is a Republican, and he is a member of the Royal Arcanum. His wife, who is a model woman, noted for her deeds of charity, is a member of the Congregational Church. She was born March 4, 1829, in Brookfield, Madison Co., N. Y. Her father, James S. Anthony, was born October 26, 1794, in East Greenwich, R. I.; her mother, Lydia (Mason), was born December 16, 1802, in Swansea, Mass. They were married in Brookfield, N. Y., February 3, 1823, and June 9, 1832, removed to Rockport, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio. James S. Anthony died July 28, 1845, and Lydia, his wife, on July 23, 1856. They were stanch members of the Baptist Church, and excellent representatives of New England people.

L. E. HASERODT, a prominent and progressive agriculturist of Carlisle township, was born in Medina county, Ohio, in 1841, a son of Henry C. and Margaret (Barz) Haserodt, natives of Prussia.

In 1834 they immigrated to this country and to Ohio, locating in the woods of Medina county, where they cleared a farm. After several years they came to Elyria, Lorain county, where the father died in 1888, at the age of eighty-eight, and the mother in October, 1891, aged eighty-four years. They had a family of nine children, six of whom are yet living, viz.: John G., married, residing in Brooklyn, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio; J. F., married, a resident of Elyria; Caroline, widow of Bernhard Wassermann, of Cleveland; L. E., subject; Charles L., married, residing in Edison, Ohio; and Louisa, wife of John Weidner, of Liverpool, Medina Co., Ohio.

L. E. Haserodt received a liberal education at the common schools of Medina county, supplemented with one term at school in Elyria. In 1860 he came to Lorain county, locating in Elyria, where he clerked for Baldwin, Laundon & Nelson three years; then for Stan Bros. & Co., and finally for Henry Bruch. In 1864 he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth O. V. I., one hundred days, and was stationed chiefly at Martinsburg and Maryland Heights, on garrison duty; also engaged in the attack on Gen. Early, which occupied an entire day. Mr. Haserodt received his discharge in 1864 at Columbus, Ohio, and returned home to Elyria. In 1865 he went with a brother to Kendallsville, Ind., and there engaged in the grocery trade, but being burned out, our subject returned to Elyria, and embarked in the grocery business, establishing one of the first groceries in the place. In 1865 he bought out and partly improved a farm of eighteen and a quarter acres of wild land, to which he has added until he now owns thirty-six and one-half acres, all under careful cultivation.

In 1867 Mr. Haserodt was married in Elyria to Catherine E. Fowle, a native of Amherst township, and four children have been born to them: Edward H.; Cornelia, wife of Wilford Maddock, of Elyria; Rupert W., married to Ruth Cudderbach, and

residing in Vermillion, Ohio; and Catherine, wife of C. Maddock. The mother of these died in March, 1873, and in 1874 Mr. Haserodt married Miss Anna Herold, of Berea, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, by which union there is one child, Henry C. Mr. and Mrs. Haserodt are members of the Lutheran Church, and he was one of the trustees appointed to supervise the building of the first church, at which time there were only seven members eligible to vote. Politically our subject is a Republican.

DAVID C. FISHER, a prominent real-estate dealer and ice merchant in Lorain county, is a native of West Virginia, born in June, 1850, a son of Robert and Mary (Fowler) Fisher, of the same State, where they passed their entire lives.

Our subject when a boy came to Lorain county, Ohio, and made his home in Oberlin, where he was educated, attending the college at that place for some time. In 1875 he was in the employ of the Land Company, in which he has been more or less interested since, buying, improving and selling real estate. Since 1884 he has been doing business in that line for his own account, and in eight years turned over as much as fifty thousand dollars worth of property, the amount in 1892 alone having reached eighteen thousand dollars. In 1881 he embarked in the ice business, the first one in that industry in Lorain, and practically the only one. The buildings for this purpose were located on Black river, and he made a complete success out of it, as he has done in the real-estate business. He at one time owned nine residences in Lorain—of which he sold two, lives in one, and rents the rest—besides other property. Mr. Fisher is also engaged in the commission business. He is largely interested in the improvement of the West Side (Lorain), where he bought an addition, portions of which he has sold on land contracts.

In 1883 David C. Fisher and Miss Elizabeth Dorsey were united in marriage. She is a native of Ashland, Ohio, daughter of George and Margaret Dorsey, who at one time lived in Elyria. Her father, in 1861, in the war of the Rebellion, enlisted at Ashland, Ohio, was sent to the front, was wounded, and died in hospital, all within the year; his widow is yet living. To Mr. and Mrs. David C. Fisher have been born two children: Arthur Edwin and Ruth Anna. Our subject is an active Republican, and with his wife is a member of the Congregational Church, in which he holds office, and in the Sabbath-school of which he takes a lively interest. For a number of years he has been a member of the board of health in the village of Lorain, and is also constable.

DAVID KIRKBRIDE, a prosperous farmer of Amherst township, comes on the paternal side from Scottish ancestry, as his name clearly indicates.

He was born in April, 1833, on Hudson street, New York, a son of David and Mary (Phillips) Kirkbride, natives of England, the former born January 13, 1799, in the county of Cumberland, the latter in 1800 in Leicestershire, of English lineage. The father at the age of fifteen moved from his native place to London, where he learned the lace and stocking weaving trade. Later he was a salesman for the house of I., W. & J. Kirkbride. He married in England, and in 1832 the young couple immigrated to the United States, the voyage to New York being made in the ship "Roscoe." They arrived at that city December 6 following, where Mr. Kirkbride engaged in the manufacturing business for a time; they then

proceeded to Philadelphia, and from there in 1835 came to Lorain county, settling in the woods of Amherst township. Here he died in 1875, his wife in 1889. In his earlier days in this country he was a Democrat, later a Free-soiler. Grandfather Phillips was a soldier in the Napoleonic wars with England. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkbride had a family of eight children, as follows: David, subject of sketch; Mary, at home; Elizabeth; Ann; Margaret; John (married), deceased in January, 1875; Maria, wife of W. S. Biggs, of Elyria; and Isaac, a farmer of Amherst township.

David Kirkbride, whose name introduces this memoir, received a fair common-school education in Amherst township, whither he was brought when a small boy, and he has been a lifelong farmer. Politically he has always been a strong Republican.

CHARLES S. AIKEN, a progressive native-born agriculturist of Lorain county, is a worthy representative of an old pioneer family. His grandfather, George Aiken, who was a native of Connecticut, served as a minute-man in northern Ohio, and died in Brooklyn township, Cuyahoga county.

Irad Aiken, son of George, was born in 1791, in Connecticut, and in 1814 came to Cuyahoga county, Ohio, where he resided until 1835. He took up a farm in the midst of the forest, and remained thereon until 1863, when he moved into North Amherst. Mr. Aiken was married, in Cuyahoga county, to Miss Indiana Brainerd, a native of Connecticut, whose parents, Ozias and Mary (Strong) Brainerd, also natives of Connecticut, came to Cuyahoga county in an early day. The journey occupied some time, being made with an ox-team as far as Cattaraugus, N. Y. They died in Brooklyn township, Cuyahoga county; their farm is now included in the city of Cleveland.

To Irad and Indiana (Brainerd) Aiken were born eight children, two of whom died young. Of the remainder, Charles S. is the subject of this sketch; William Hanford lives in Black River township, Lorain Co., Ohio; Laura is the wife of Clark Wheelan, of Shiawassee county, Mich.; Marietta is the wife of E. C. Foster, of North Amherst, Ohio; Noah B. is married and resides in Caledonia township, Shiawassee Co., Mich.; Edwin is married and resides in Amherst township, Lorain county. The father of this family was a man who thought much of his home; he died June 9, 1879, in North Amherst, his wife surviving him until 1891, when she too passed away.

Charles S. Aiken was born October 16, 1819, in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, where he received his education in the log-cabin schools of the district. In 1835 he located in Black River township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he engaged in farming, and in 1861 moved to North Amherst, where he now resides. Mr. Aiken was married, in October, 1846, in Elyria township, Lorain county, to Miss Lucy R. Holmes, a native of the county. Her parents, George S. and Mary (Lester) Holmes, were natives of Connecticut, and in 1840 emigrated to Black River township, Lorain county, where he followed farming. He afterward moved to Berea, Ohio, where he died in 1875; his widow is now living in Cleveland, Ohio, at the age of eighty-four years. They reared a family of five children, viz.: Lucy R. (Mrs. Aiken); Marriett, who died in 1860, in Cuyahoga county; Sarah; George Henry, who resides in Canada; and Ellsworth, who resides in Cleveland.

In politics Mr. Aiken is an active member of the Republican party. He served three terms as justice of the peace in Black River township, and one term in North Amherst; has also served as county commissioner, one term, and has been a delegate to various county conventions. Our subject has been a resident of Lorain county for fifty-eight years, and during that time

has been actively identified with her progress and development. Mr. and Mrs. Aiken have two adopted children; she is a member of the Baptist Church. [Since the above was written, we have received information of the death of Mr. Charles A. Aiken, which occurred on September 24, 1893.—Ed.

LEWIS F. WRIGHT, than whom there is no more enterprising, industrious and thrifty farmer in Elyria township, is a native of the county, born in the town of Lorain August 9, 1839.

He is a son of M. P. and Martha (Miller) Wright, the former a native of Vermont, the latter of Ogdensburg, N. Y. They were married in the State of New York, and in 1838 came to Lorain, Ohio, where Mr. Wright engaged in the stave business, had charge of a gang of men, and part of time was employed in the shipyard. They afterward moved to North Amherst, and from there to Elyria, where they lived eight or ten years; then removed to the farm, where they lived some thirty years, and they now make their home in Elyria.

Lewis F. Wright, subject of sketch, was reared and educated in Elyria, and assisted his father in his business until 1861, when he enlisted in the three months' service, but did not go to the front. In 1862 he enlisted in the Fifteenth Ohio Battery of Artillery, for three years or during the war, and was assigned to the army of Tennessee. He participated in the battle of Holly Springs, Miss., and then returned to Memphis, Tenn., thence proceeding to the siege of Vicksburg. The regiment then was with Sherman in his march to the sea, moving as far as Meridian, Miss.; also participated in the Carolina campaign, and took part in the grand review at Washington, D. C. In June, 1865, our subject was discharged at Columbus, Ohio, when he returned home. Having once more settled down to the pursuits of peace, he resumed farming, and, concluding that it was "not good for man to be alone," he in 1879 took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Catherine Elizabeth Walsh, a native of Ireland, daughter of Walter and Catherine (Hoolihan) Walsh, who many years ago left their home in Erin's Isle for a new one in the Western World, which they first found in Vermillion, Erie Co., Ohio, afterward in Elyria, Lorain county, whither they came in 1853. Here the father died January 1, 1880; the mother, who was born in December, 1800, is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Wright. To our subject and wife have been born three children, viz.: Fannie Catherine, George F. and Lucy Agnes. Mr. Wright is a Republican in his political sympathies, and has served on the school board; socially he is a member of the G. A. R. Post, No. 65, Elyria.

HOMER E. BARRETT, a resident of Wellington, is a native of Huron county, Ohio, born April 2, 1847, a son of Augustus and Clarissa (Cochran) Barrett.

The father of our subject was born September 21, 1813, in Monroe county, N. Y., and in 1826 came to Ohio. On November 5, 1840, he married Miss Clarissa Cochran, and they made their home in Erie county till 1843, in which year they moved to Clarksfield township, Huron county, and there lived the rest of their lives. In connection with general farming he was an extensive sheep breeder, and at the time of his death, which occurred June 7, 1886, he was quite wealthy; he died in the house he had built in Clarksfield township forty years before. In

politics he was originally a Whig, in his later years a Republican; and he was a member of the Baptist Church. His wife was a native of Cambridge, Vt., born September 16, 1814, came with her parents to Ohio, and taught school in Erie county up to the time of her marriage; she died September 5, 1890. Three children, as follows, were born to this honored couple: Mary L. (Mrs. Beebe), of Clarksfield township, Huron Co., Ohio; Caroline M., married to William Minor, of New London township; and Homer E.

Philander Barrett, paternal grandfather of subject, and his wife were both natives of Massachusetts, while the maternal grandparents were of Vermont birth; they were farming people, and after the death of the grandfather, the grandmother made her home with our subject till her removal to Grand Haven, Mich., where she died.

Homer E. Barrett, whose name opens this sketch, received a liberal education at the public schools of Clarksfield township and Norwalk, also at Oberlin, eight or nine terms, after which he attended for a short time, in 1866, the Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In 1867 he married Miss Eliza E. Noble, born May 24, 1844, a daughter of Gustavus and Harriet (Fancher) Noble. Her father was born in New York State, whence prior to his marriage he came to Ohio, settling in Litchfield, Medina county. He died when she was a girl of four summers, and the mother (who was born September 21, 1822) was afterward married to DeGrasse Thomas, of Rochester township, Lorain county, and two children were born to them: Alma, wife of Walter Hall, railroad telegraph operator; and Fred, married to Fannie Smith. The mother is now living in Rochester, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Noble were the parents of five children, as follows: Adelaide, deceased; Albina, wife of George Chadwick, residing in Wellington; Eliza E., wife of Homer E. Barrett; Perry, residing in Sherman, Texas; and Mary, deceased wife of Wilbur Hall. Mrs. Homer E. Barrett lived for a time with her grandparents in New London, where she attended school. Grandfather Noble and his wife were lifelong residents of Litchfield, Medina Co., Ohio.

To our subject and wife was born November 15, 1868, a son named Augustus Earl, who graduated at the high school and attended the Homeopathic Hospital College at Cleveland, graduating from there in March, 1893. He is now practicing medicine in Detroit, Michigan.

ISAAC KIRKBRIDE is a lifelong, well-to-do agriculturist of Amherst township, and on his father's side of the house comes of Scottish ancestry.

He was born in 1838 on his present farm in Amherst township, a son of David and Mary (Phillips) Kirkbride, natives of England, the father born January 13, 1799, in the county of Cumberland, the mother in 1800 in Leicestershire, of English lineage. The father at the age of fifteen moved from his native place to London, where he learned the lace and stocking weaving trade. Later he was a salesman for the house of W. & J. Kirkbride. He married in England, and in 1832 the young couple immigrated to the United States, the voyage to New York being made in the ship "Roscoe." They arrived at that city December 6 following, where Mr. Kirkbride engaged in the manufacturing business for a time; they then proceeded to Philadelphia, and from there in 1835 came to Lorain county, settling in the woods of Amherst township. Here he died in 1875, his wife in 1889. In his early days in this country he was a Democrat, later a Free-soiler. Grandfather Phillips was a soldier in the Napoleonic wars with England. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkbride had a family of eight children, as

follows: David, a farmer in Amherst township; Mary, at home; Elizabeth; Ann; Margaret; John (married), deceased in January, 1875; Maria, wife of W. S. Biggs, of Elyria; and Isaac, subject of sketch.

Isaac Kirkbride received his education at the public schools of his township, and was reared to farm life. He owns a good farm of 107 acres, all in a high state of cultivation. In politics he takes an active interest, and votes with the Democratic party. He has never married.

KARL WANGERIEN. Germany has given to the United States a host of industrious, frugal, honest and loyal citizens, and wherever they make their stand, there they leave their impress. Of such an one is the subject of this sketch.

He was born March 29, 1814, in the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Germany, a son of John Wangerien, a shoemaker by trade. Our subject was educated from the age of six to fourteen at the public schools of his native place, and then commenced to learn his father's trade under him, serving a four-years' apprenticeship, after which he passed four years in the regular army. He then served one year as a journeyman workman, traveling from place to place, at the end of which time he returned to his native town and commenced business for his own account. At that time, October 18, 1842, he married Miss Henrietta Naherenst, a native of the same part of the country, daughter of David Naherenst, by which union two children were born in Germany: Amelia, now Mrs. John Lindeman, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Augusta, who was married to Frederick Heist, and died in Russia township, Lorain county.

In the summer of 1852 the family, consisting of Mr. Wangerien, his wife and two daughters, set sail from Hamburg on the good ship "Howard," bound for New York, where after a voyage of forty-three days, they landed in safety. From there they proceeded by rail to Dunkirk, N. Y., thence by water to Cleveland, where they arrived in September following. Here Mr. Wangerien worked at his trade two months, after which the entire family removed to the German settlement in Russia township, Lorain county, where the father bought land and lived thereon twenty years, employed in farming and at his trade; in 1872 he bought another piece of land containing 247 acres, in the same township, and as an agriculturist he has been fairly successful. In the United States two more children were born to him, viz.: Charles R. and Henry C., both farmers in Russia township. The mother died June 20, 1884, and was buried in South Amherst cemetery. In politics Mr. Wangerien is a Republican, though not an active worker in his party. In the Fatherland he had united with the Lutheran Church, in which he has faithfully remained. Since the death of his wife he has been making his home with his sons, who are neighbors, tarrying with them alternately.

CHARLES R. WANGERIEN, one of the most successful and careful agriculturists of Russia township, Lorain county, who from the bottom rung of the ladder has made his way to the top entirely by his own energy, perseverance and sound judgment, is a native of Russia township, Lorain Co., Ohio, born November 10, 1854.

Mr. Wangerien is the eldest born in Lorain county to Karl and Henrietta (Naherenst) Wangerien. He attended school eight seasons in Russia township, after-

ward at Cleveland two seasons, and then commenced agricultural pursuits on his father's farm, where he has since continued to reside. On November 16, 1876, he was married to Augusta Dehn, who was born in Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio, June 29, 1855, a daughter of William and Christina (Hacker) Dehn, natives of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Germany, whence they emigrated to this country many years ago. When Mr. Wangerien's mother died in 1884, his wife took charge of the household affairs, and has so continued since. To our subject and wife have been born three children: Harry A., Karl W. and Alma H.

In politics Mr. Wangerien is a Republican, but not an active one, as he wisely devotes all his time to his farm and family. He is the owner of 225 acres of prime land in Russia township, and is considered one of the best and most industrious farmers in his locality.

HENRY C. WANGERIEN, than whom there is no more industrious and painstaking agriculturist in Russia township, is a native of same, born October 24, 1857, youngest in the family of Karl and Henrietta (Naherenst) Wangerien.

He received a liberal education at the common schools of his township until he was fifteen years old, when he commenced work on the farm under his father, a vocation he has since continued in with every success. On December 7, 1880, Mr. Wangerien was married to Augusta Dramm, who was born in Russia township, Lorain county, January 19, 1859, a daughter of Karl Dramm, a native of Germany. To this union have been born the following children: Arthur C., born July 10, 1883; Iona G., born November 10, 1885; and Nelson L., born July 1, 1889. After marriage our subject built a house near that of his father, where he and his bride made their new home, and continued to live until 1889, in which year they removed to their present farm, which Mr. Wangerien has substantially improved, having erected all the buildings thereon with his own hands. He now owns 185 acres of excellent land, and stands second to none in the county as an all-round agriculturist. Politically he is a leading Republican, and is now acceptably filling the office of township trustee.

GEORGE W. GIBSON. This gentleman, proprietor of the leading livery and hack business in Oberlin, comes of ancestry whose home was the soil of Scott and Burns—"land of the mountain and the flood."

Our subject was born November 19, 1845, in Russia township, Lorain Co., Ohio, a son of Orin and Elizabeth (Freeman) Gibson. The parents were natives of New York, and in 1833 came to Ohio, locating in Brownhelm township till 1835, when they moved to Russia township on a farm, which at that time was all in the woods, but is now one of the best cultivated in the township. The father died May 30, 1884, in Oberlin, where the mother is yet living. She was born in Vermont, a daughter of Luther Freeman, also a native of the Green Mountain State, who in 1824 came to Russia township, Lorain county, where he passed the rest of his days. Mr. and Mrs. Orin Gibson were the parents of three children, as follows: Louisa, wife of Nathan B. Nash, residing in Russia township, Lorain county; Anna, who was married to David Brobert, and died in 1886 in Oberlin; and George W.

The subject of these lines was reared and educated in his native township, and assisted in the opening up of the home farm, working thereon till March, 1881, when he came to Oberlin and embarked in his present livery business. On December 25,

1870, Mr. Gibson was married, in Russia township, Lorain county, to Miss Catherine Plain, a native of Broome county, N. Y. (daughter of Henry Plain), who came to Lorain county in 1861. One of her brothers, during the Civil war, enlisted in the Federal army from Lorain county. Two children have been born to this union, Electa and Raymond. In his political sympathies Mr. Gibson identifies himself with the Republican party, and in 1882 he was appointed deputy sheriff, a position he is yet filling. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Honor. He owns the old homestead in Russia township, and is a well-to-do, popular citizen.

W. F. LANGDON, a well-to-do citizen of Penfield township, was born November 16, 1819, in the town of Cobleskill, Schoharie Co., N. Y., son of Forester and grandson of Lewis Langdon, who was a manufacturer of cider-mills.

Forester Langdon was married in his native State to Hannah, daughter of Moses Frederick Delosdernier, who came from Nova Scotia, and while living in New York children were born to this union as follows: Clarissa, who married Perry Disbro, and died March 9, 1893, in Iowa; Matilda, who married Samuel White, and died February 7, 1890, in Eaton Rapids, Mich.; William F., our subject; Hiram A., who was a physician of Avon, Lorain county, where he died October 9, 1873; Maria, who married Lyman Webber, and died April 10, 1886, in Van Wert county, Ohio; Orilla, Mrs. Samuel Disbro, of Cass county, Iowa; Lucinda, who was the widow of Horace Cragin, of La Grange, Ohio, died December 19, 1893; Washington L., of Van Wert county, Ohio; and Lionar E., also of Van Wert county, Ohio. Early in 1834 Mr. Langdon, with his daughter Matilda and son William F., set out for Ohio, driving the entire distance, and arriving on February 16, after a journey of twenty-one days, in La Grange township, Lorain county, where they found a temporary home with Mr. Langdon's brother-in-law, Allen Sheldon. The father returned to New York State, and in the following May brought the remainder of the family to Ohio, our subject in the meantime living with his uncle, Joseph Lincoln. Mrs. Langdon died in Lorain county April 21, 1835, at the age of forty-one, and some years later Mr. Langdon removed to Van Wert county, Ohio, where he is now buried, having passed away there at the age of eighty-two years.

Our subject received his education in the common schools of the period, and came to Ohio when fourteen years old, at which time the country was completely wild and abounded with wolves, deer, wild hogs, turkeys, etc. At the age of twenty-one he left home and went to La Porte, where he learned the carpenter's trade under a Mr. Bassett, and also acquired a knowledge of wagon making, which he followed to some extent. In the winter of 1846 he went to Louisiana to work in the lumber region. On January 22, 1850, he was married to Miss Margaret Denham, who was born November 9, 1825, in Scotland, whence her parents, Peter and Margaret (Lyle) Denham, emigrated in an early day to the United States and to Ohio, locating in Penfield township, Lorain county, where both died at the age of eighty-six years.

After his marriage Mr. Langdon located on the place where he yet resides, purchasing, on credit, fifty-seven and a half acres at ten dollars per acre. The country was very swampy and all in the woods, and there was not a house in sight. For twenty-five years he worked diligently at his trades, some of the best wagons in the section coming from his workshop; and after years of industry and economy has amassed a comfortable property, all

the result of his own untiring efforts. Mr. and Mrs. Langdon have had one child, Margaret F., now the wife of M. L. Disbro, of Penfield township; Mr. and Mrs. Disbro have had two children: Munson Langdon and James Leverne, the latter of whom died in 1881 at the age of ten months.

In politics our subject is a Republican, active in party affairs, and has held various local positions of trust, such as township trustee, etc. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church, in which he has served as trustee.

W. C. SUTLIFF, one of the best known farmer citizens of Carlisle township, and a justice of the peace, is a native of same, born February 28, 1826, a son of Salmon and Anna (Beaman) Sutliff.

The Sutliffs come of English ancestry. The father of our subject was born in Washington county, N. Y., in 1786, and was there married. He served in the war of 1812, under Gen. Harrison. In 1820 he came to Lorain county, Ohio, first locating in Avon township, whence on January 1, 1821, he moved to Carlisle township. He died here in 1857, his wife in 1870, at the age of seventy-eight years. In religious sentiment they were Baptists, and in politics he was an Old-line Whig. They were the parents of fifteen children, of whom the following is a brief record: Lovicia died at the age of six years; Silas B., a wagonmaker, was married, and died at Joliet, Ill.; William H. H. resides in Wellington, Lorain county; Asa G. was married, and died in Minnesota in 1879; O. H. P. is married, and lives in Carlisle township, Lorain county; Charles B. was killed by the cars; Ralph O. is married, and resides in Michigan; Lusetta is the wife of Eli Wright, of Wood county, Ohio; Warren C. is the subject of this memoir; Lucinda was the wife of Frederick Lee (she died in Cleveland, Ohio); Jesse S., a twin, has his home in Saginaw, Mich. (his twin brother died when three weeks old); Theodore S. also lives in Michigan; Miles W. is married, and resides in Penfield township, Lorain county; Rosetta is the wife of William Gott, of Wellington, Ohio. Grandfather Gad Sutliff was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and lived and died in New York State.

W. C. Sutliff received a limited education in the public schools of his native place, was reared to agricultural pursuits, which have been his life work, and he now owns a good farm in Carlisle township. In February, 1854, he was united in marriage with Miss Jane A. Bennett, daughter of David and Jane (Galpin) Bennett, the former born in Westmoreland, N. H., the latter in Waterbury, Conn. Two children—Ada C. and Louis E.—have been born to this union. Mr. Sutliff is an active Democrat, and cast his first vote for Franklin Pierce. He served his township as constable for about ten years, also as assessor and trustee several terms, and for the past twenty-five years has been a justice of the peace.

JOSEPH B. FLICKINGER, than whom no citizen of Lorain county stands higher in the community, or is better esteemed, comes of an old Pennsylvania-German family.

He was born December 29, 1827, in Greene township, Wayne Co., Ohio, a son of Peter Flickinger, who was born in Hagerstown, Md., October 13, 1787, he a son of Jacob Flickinger, a native of Germany. Peter was a stone mason and bricklayer by trade. He was married October 10, 1813, in Brothers Valley township, Somerset Co., Penn., to Elizabeth Kieffer, who was born June 12, 1793, also in Brothers Valley township, daughter of

Jacob Kieffer, a well-to-do capitalist, who came from Germany, and was married to a Miss Eva Fritz, also of Germany, whose mother died when crossing the ocean, and was buried at sea. One child, Mary Ann, was born to them in Southampton township, Somerset Co., Penn., August 1, 1814, and died unmarried in Greene township, Wayne Co., Ohio. On March 10, 1818, Peter Flickinger and his little family, accompanied by his father-in-law, Jacob Kieffer, came to Ohio, locating in Greene township, Wayne county (he had come out the year before, and entered land there). The country was very wild, and they had to cut their way through the woods, in which roamed fierce animals, sometimes so emboldened by hunger as to enter the very house. One night Mrs. Flickinger had some meat boiled in a pot, and a bear, smelling it from afar, coolly walked into the house, ate up the beef, and then took his departure with considerably less ceremony than would any average nineteenth-century tramp. Mr. Flickinger had bought 160 acres of Government land, which for the most part he cleared with his own hand, receiving valuable assistance from his stalwart sons. At the time of his death he was owner of 550 acres of land. In addition to farming he did considerable masonry work, among other buildings erecting his own house. In politics he was a Whig, and served in various township offices of trust to the entire satisfaction of his constituents; in religion he was one of the pillars of the Lutheran Church. He died May 20, 1849; his wife passed from earth August 23, 1843, and they are buried in Milton township, Wayne county. The children born to them in Ohio were as follows: Eli, born July 22, 1816, in Greene township, Wayne Co., Ohio, now of Kipton, Ohio; Otillia, born May 24, 1818, widow of E. N. Fowler, of Benton county, Iowa; Jacob, born January 24, 1821, who died October 21, 1846, at Matamoras, Mexico, while serving in the Mexican war; Jesse, born May 22, 1824, now a mechanic and carpenter, of Kansas; Peter N. and Joseph B. (twins), born December 29, 1827, of whom Peter N. died March 23, 1849, when aged twenty-one.

Joseph B. Flickinger, the subject proper of this sketch, did not attend school till he was nine years old, the schoolhouse being at too great a distance from his home; but he was an apt scholar, and learned rapidly. Up to the age of sixteen he was reared on a farm, was taught agriculture, and then commenced to learn the trade of bricklayer and stonemason, at first under his father, later under Reuben Tressler. On completing his trade he began taking contracts for his own account, and worked at various places. After his marriage he located on a farm in Greene township, Wayne Co., Ohio, on the Portage road, on which he remained eighteen months, then coming to Huntington township, Lorain county, he bought 126 acres of land, where he made his home two years, at the end of which time he moved to Camden township and purchased the fine farm which he yet owns. In September, 1880, he came to the town of Kipton, where he has since resided in comparative retirement. For twelve years he was engaged in the sale of farming implements.

On March 8, 1849, Mr. Flickinger was united in marriage with Miss Mary Powers, born October 16, 1829, in Canaan township, Wayne Co., Ohio, daughter of Wiram and Maria (Moulton) Powers, who were descendants of some of the early families of New England. Each of the parents—Wiram and Maria—came to Wayne county, Ohio, with their parents. Thomas Powers, father of Wiram, married Olive Harvey, who ran bullets for the Continental army at Bunker Hill, as four of her brothers were participants in that engagement; in the same army her father was a blacksmith, and shod horses for the cavalry. To Mr. and Mrs. Flickinger were born two children, as follows: Claista C., born October 9, 1850, in Greene township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and Hiram J., born September

19, 1854, in Camden township, Lorain Co., Ohio, and died September 7, 1863. Claista C. married Otis Kelsey, and three children were born to them: Carrie B. (Mrs. L. V. Bates), Cora L. and Nettie M. In politics Mr. Flickinger was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and for twenty-four years he has served as a justice of the peace, his last reëlection being in the spring of 1893; he has also been trustee, assessor of real estate and personal property, and was enumerator of census in 1880 and in 1890. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, of which he is a deacon, and of the Sabbath-school of which he has been superintendent for twelve years.

DR. TENNANT, one of Lorain county's leading farmers, having 234 acres of prime land in Camden township, was born August 20, 1826, in Monroe county, N. Y., a son of Selden and Lydia (Allen) Tennant.

Selden Tennant, father of subject, was a native of Connecticut, born in 1787, and in 1793 came to Otsego county, N. Y., with his parents. When a young man he bought land near Buffalo, N. Y., but not long afterward he removed to Monroe county. In 1846 he came to Ohio and bought wild land in Camden township, Lorain county, where he became a well-to-do citizen, farming being his life vocation. In Otsego county he had married Miss Lydia, Allen, who bore him children as follows: Moses S., who died in Camden township aged seventy-eight years; Betsy, who married Charles Kingsbury, died in Michigan; Allen, a resident of Kenton, Ohio; Lydia, married to David M. Tennant, died in Oberlin in 1892; David R., our subject; and Hannah M., married to Moses Holcomb, now of Cass county, Iowa. The mother died in 1835 in New York State, the father on his farm in Camden township, Lorain county, in 1871. Politically he was first an ardent Whig, afterward, on the formation of the party, a stanch Republican. In religious connection he and his wife were zealous Baptists.

David R. Tennant attended, as circumstances permitted, the common schools of the locality of his birth, and early in life was inducted into the mysteries of farm life. He continued to reside with his parents, and on November 19, 1846, was married in Monroe county, N. Y., to Miss Melita Burpee, who was born July 29, 1827, in Rutland county, Vt., daughter of Otis and Dorinda (Pearson) Burpee, who moved to Livingston county, N. Y., in 1830, and in 1842 came to Monroe county, same State. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Tennant came to Ohio with his father, on whose farm in Camden township, Lorain county, he resided nine years after coming, working for the most part on shares, his father making his home with him. In about 1855 he bought ninety-one acres, a portion of his present farm, which he increased by additions to 234 acres, and here he has successfully carried on farming operations. The children born to our subject and wife are as follows: Franklin R., a farmer of Bay county, Mich.; Emily D., married to Albert H. Kennedy, residing in Rockport, Ind. (they are both graduates of Oberlin College); Ella A., Mrs. H. H. Howe, of Medina county, Ohio; Clara M., wife of H. F. Bronson, a farmer of Camden township; George W., a farmer of Bay county, Mich.; and Almina M., who died at the age of twenty-three years. All these children were well educated, and all had been school-teachers, except one, who had lost health. Mr. Tennant is a Republican in politics, formerly a Whig, and a Christian man in all his thoughts and acts, though not a member of any church. He is very precise in his dealings, but never "close," rather the reverse; and he has been most liberal to his family in the way of educational advantages and all things necessary to their advancement in life.

Mrs. Tennant, who has nobly acted her part in the rearing of her family, and in making the home what it is—comfortable and home-like—is a member of the Baptist Church.

JAMES CONNOLLY, who for over twenty-two years has been keeper of the lighthouse off Lorain, is a native of Quebec, Canada, born November 9, 1828.

His father, John Connolly, was a native of Queen's County, Ireland, and when a young man came to Quebec, where he married Cordelia Bell, a native of London, England. He was a ship carpenter, caulker and sailor, sailing on the ocean in early life, but after his marriage followed the lakes, building vessels at different ports. In the summer of 1836 he settled at Black River (now Lorain), Lorain Co., Ohio, where he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1864; his wife died in Lorain in 1853. They reared a family of eight children—six sons and two daughters—namely: Bartholemew, who died in Sheffield township, Lorain county; Stephen, who also died in Lorain county; James, subject of this memoir; Carrie A., wife of Henry Volmar, of Cleveland; Elizabeth, widow of F. C. Thompson; William, married and residing in Lorain (he served in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth O. V. I.); Edwin, married and residing in Cleveland; and John, who enlisted, in 1862, in Company H, Eighth O. V. I., for three years, or during the war, and was wounded in the battle of Manchester (he re-enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Third O. V. I., was taken prisoner, and died in Andersonville Prison in 1865).

In November, 1836, when about eight years of age, James Connolly came from Buffalo, N. Y., to Lorain, Ohio, where he received his education at the common schools. He learned the trade of ship carpenter and caulker, and for thirty years was a sailor on the lakes, being captain and mate of a vessel during the summer for many years, and during this long life he had many thrilling experiences. In 1871, during Grant's administration, he was appointed, by Secretary Boutwell, keeper of the lighthouse, in which capacity he is still retained. He now has charge of the second lighthouse, and the tower building, for range lights are erected, and are being used.

On June 21, 1853, Mr. Connolly was united in marriage, at Lorain, with Miss Alice L. Gillmore, a native of Lorain county, daughter of Quartus Gillmore, both members of a very early family of the county. To this union were born six children, namely: Alice, wife of L. H. Eddy, residing on Second Avenue, Lorain (Mr. Eddy is an engineer on the C. L. & W. R. R. from Lorain to Wheeling); James Q., who was killed by lightning when ten years old; Eugene, who died at the age of sixteen; Frank Lyons, who died when five years old; and Clara and Carrie (twins), who died when seven weeks old. The mother of these children passed from earth January 5, 1893. In politics our subject is a Republican, and served as a member of the school board for three years, when the public schools were first organized here. Socially he is a member of Lorain Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is a charter member; he was also a member of King Solomon's Lodge at Elyria. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist. During his residence in Lorain Mr. Connolly has watched its development, from a village of 500 people, to a thriving little city of 6,000.

ROBERT REDFERN. Prominent and well-known in the community of Columbia township, in both public and private life, is to be found this gentleman.

He is a native of Canada, born in the town of White Church, County of Bruce,

Ontario, August 24, 1837, a son of Robert and Ellen Redfern, natives of Ireland, who in an early day immigrated to Canada, locating in the County of Bruce, Ontario, from there removing in 1853 to Olmsted Falls, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, and later coming to Henrietta township, Lorain county. Our subject received a thorough education at the common schools of his native place up to the age of sixteen, at which time the family moved to Olmsted Falls, Ohio, and he was twenty years old when they came to Lorain county. Here he was engaged in farming and sawmilling. For one year he was employed in the cheese factory at West View, and he was in the milk business in Cleveland seven years. In April, 1857, he had married, in Columbia township, Lorain county, Miss Mary C. Hacket, a native of that township, daughter of Gain R. and Electa (Sabin) Hacket, pioneers of Columbia township, who settled in the wild woods where they cleared a farm. Gain R. Hacket was born in Manchester, N. Y., August 13, 1810; his wife, Electa A. (Sabin), in Ontario, N. Y., May 5, 1815. They were married September 13, 1832, and same year moved to Ohio, settling in Columbia township, Lorain county, on a farm of seventy-five acres, which he cleared up. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Zebina, Mary C., Lafrancis E., Stephen, Emily, Sarah and Laura, of whom there are yet living: Mary C. Redfern, Lafrancis E. Hacket and Emily Osborn. The father of these died in March, 1855; the mother is now living on the old place with Mr. and Mrs. Redfern.

After marriage our subject settled on his present fine farm of 148 acres, all in a good state of cultivation (its original size having been seventy-five acres), and here carries on general agriculture including dairying, of which branch he makes a specialty, doing a large business. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Redfern: Lilly Ann, wife of John Richards (they have five children—Charles, Robert, Albert, May and Lena, all residing in Strongsville, Ohio); Ellen May, who married J. H. Culver, and died in 1884; Eva May, who died at the age of thirteen years; Elmer Dewitt, who died at the age of seven years; and one that died in infancy. In politics our subject votes with the Republican party; has served as township trustee, being now in his fourth year, and has been a member of the school board several years. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church.

SARDIS N. BARNES, farmer and dealer in horses, is well and favorably known throughout Amherst township, where he was born in March, 1838.

Ezekiel Barnes, his grandfather, was a native of Massachusetts, born in 1770 in Worcester, whence in 1817 he came to Lorain county, Ohio, settling on Lot 43, Amherst township, where he died in 1860. His children were as follows: Ezekiel G.; Sardis D., who died at Upper Sandusky before the subject of this sketch was born; Paulina, who died in Madison, Lake Co., Ohio (she was the wife of Rawson Crocker, and their son is now the oldest man in North Amherst); Fannie, who married David Smith, and became the mother of Judge L. B. Smith, of Elyria; Amanda, who married Warren Smith, and went with the Mormons (he was killed during the raid on Nauvoo, Ill., and she died recently in Salt Lake City); Juliet, who married Ira Lelie, and still resides in Amherst; and Charlotte, who married Monville Wintone, and died in Wood county. Grandfather Barnes was a farmer by occupation, and was well known in political circles, first as a Whig and in later years as a Republican. His eldest son, Ezekiel G., father of our subject, was born in Old Becket, Mass., September 1, 1799, and came with his parents to Amherst township, Lorain county, in 1817. In 1825 he revisited the East, and was there married,

same year, to Miss Elvira Harrington, who was born March 5, 1805, in New York State. Returning to Amherst township he settled down to agricultural pursuits and became prosperous. He was a great hunter, and as in his day the forest teemed with game of all sorts, many a deer, pheasant and wild turkey fell to his unerring rifle. In politics he followed in the footsteps of his father. He and his wife were the parents of five children, a brief record of them being as follows: Gilbert H., born November 17, 1826, still resides in Amherst township; Louisa E., born August 27, 1828, is the widow of James Gawn, and she also resides in Amherst township; G. Monroe, born September 3, 1830, was married, and died in August, 1891; Henry D., born August 12, 1836, died April 6, 1869; Sardis N. is the subject of this sketch. The father of this family was called from earth December 31, 1881, the mother on January 29, 1888.

Sardis N. Barnes was reared on a farm, and received his education in the common schools of his township. On September 10, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Calista Bemis, who was born November 7, 1840, and one child, Nellie, has come to brighten their home. Mr. Barnes is a wide-awake, progressive farmer, and for the past few years has given special attention to trading in fast horses, selling in the eastern markets. Politically he votes with the Republican party, in which he takes an active interest.

J. H. REED, a prominent and influential farmer of Eaton township, was born July 19, 1847, in Strongsville, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, a son of Joseph and Tamar (Lyman) Reed, natives, the father of Cornwall, England, the mother of Strongsville, Ohio.

At the age of twenty Joseph Reed emigrated to the United States, and locating first in Strongsville, Ohio, from there moved to Columbia township, Lorain county, where he followed agricultural pursuits during the rest of his life. He died in 1882; his widow is yet living. They had a family of nine children, of whom six are yet living, viz.: J. L., married, residing in Ridgeville township (he has two children, Fred and Elsie); J. H., subject of sketch; Sophia L., widow of Chauncey Nichols, late of Berea, Ohio (she has three children—Lena, Mary and William); Mary I., wife of Otis B. Osborne, of Eaton township (she has three children — Nellie, Charlie and Bayard); F. N., married, in the wholesale millinery business in Cleveland, Ohio (has one daughter—Winifred); and Charles T., single, in business with his brother in Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reed also reared a niece, Lydia Ratcliffe, now married and living in California.

J. H. Reed, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education at the public schools of Columbia township, Lorain county, supplemented with a few months attendance at Oberlin College. For a time he worked at the stone business in Berea, Ohio, as well as in Columbia township, but farming has been his chief life vocation. In 1872 he came to Eaton township, and bought a partly improved farm of seventy-nine acres, on which he erected a house and barn, subsequently adding thereto sixty-two acres, aggregating one of the finest farms in the township. Just after marriage, and prior to coming to Eaton township, Mr. Reed and his wife lived two years in Ridgeville township.

On Christmas Day, 1871, our subject was married, in Ridgeville township, to Miss Jennie McNelly, of that township, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Cave) McNelly, the father a native of Whitehall, N. Y., who settled in Ridgeville township some sixty years ago, the mother of England; both are living in Elyria, Ohio. Thomas and Jane (Wilson) Cave, grandparents of Mrs. Reed, were natives of England, whence in an early day they came to

America, making a settlement on Chestnut Ridge, Ridgeville township, Lorain county. To our subject and wife have been born two children—Claude Thomas and Clyde Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the Christian Church at Eaton Center, of which he is clerk and deacon. In politics he is an active Republican, is a member of the school board, and has served in Congressional conventions. He takes an active interest in the local Agricultural Association; is one of the directors of the County Agricultural Society, and has been a delegate to the County Conventions.

The mother of our subject is a daughter of Elijah and Irene (Whitney) Lyman, natives of Vermont, of English ancestry, who in 1814 came to Strongsville, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, where they died, he in 1828, she in 1820. Thomas and Mary (Hickens) Reed, paternal grandparents of J. H. Reed, were natives of Cornwall, England, whence about the year 1838 they came to Ohio, making their new home in Cuyahoga county. The grandfather died in Columbia township, Lorain county, in 1876, at the age of eighty-seven years; the grandmother had passed away in Strongsville, Cuyahoga county, in 1871, when seventy-six years old.

SAMUEL ALEXANDER, a prominent and representative farmer of Carlisle township, was born May 9, 1829, in Gloucestershire, England. His parents, Samuel and Sarah (Francum) Alexander, also natives of England, came to America when Samuel was but four weeks old, and located in Grafton, Lorain Co., Ohio. The father was a farmer, and died at the age of eighty, the mother passing away in her eightieth year. They were the parents of seven children who grew to maturity, viz.: Martha, who married Edwin Martin, and died in La Porte in 1886; Samuel, subject of sketch; Ann, wife of William Lawson, of Grafton; Sophia, wife of Cyrus Wallace, of Winnebago county, Ill.; John, Job and Albert, all three married and residing in Eaton township.

Samuel Alexander was reared to farming pursuits in Grafton and Eaton townships, and received his education in the common schools of the district. At the age of twenty-five he was married to Miss Elizabeth Stevens, and after residing in Dubuque, Iowa, for two years, he removed to Michigan, where he married, for his second wife, Miss Laura Tyce. She died, and Mr. Alexander was next married to Miss Barbara Slaterline, to which union have been born six children, namely: George (who died when fourteen months old), Elmer, Mary, Cora, Olie and Charley. Mr. Alexander resided for fifteen years in Bay City, Mich., but in 1873 he returned to Lorain county, Ohio, locating in Eaton township, whence he shortly afterward removed to Carlisle township. Here he has since resided, engaged in general agriculture and dairying, and he owns a fine farm of 300 acres, all in a high state of cultivation. While residing in Michigan he was engaged in the butcher business, carrying on a meat market, in which line he met with considerable success. He takes a lively interest in politics, voting with the Republican party.

ALFRED HARRIS, one of the best known and most highly respected farmers of Russia township, is a native of Oxfordshire, England, born February 6, 1831, a son of John Harris, a native of the same county, who was by trade a miller. He married a Miss Lee, and to them were born in England children as follows: Thomas L., deceased in Brownhelm township, Lorain county, while working in a stone quarry; Henry L., a physician, deceased in Bellevue, Ohio;

Caroline, wife of Dr. James F. Grimes, of Mishawaka, Ind.; John, who was a school-teacher, and died in the West; Robert, a physician of South Bend, Ind.; Mary, widow of William Burdy, of Indiana; Nancy, who married Richard Longmate, and died in Oberlin, Ohio; Arthur, a carpenter of St. Louis, Mo.; Alfred; and Harriet, who married Philander George, and died in Coldwater, Michigan.

In 1833 the family came to the United States, the voyage across the ocean occupying six weeks. Prior to this the father had come alone to the country, and bought for one thousand two hundred dollars in gold 233 acres of land, which is now the farm of the subject of this sketch. At that time such a sum of money could have bought a great portion of the town of Cleveland, for cholera was raging fearfully, and people were using every endeavor to leave the place. After the arrival of the family in New York, it was six weeks before the husband and father could be found. They then came on to Ohio, and settled on their new home in Russia township, Lorain county, at that time an almost unbroken wilderness. In the United States children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Harris: Hannah, who married A. A. Turney, and died in Wood county, Ohio; and George, who was colonel of Sheldon's Guards, under Gen. Garfield, during the Civil war, and was killed at Fort Gibson. After coming to America the father of our subject worked at the sawmilling business in connection with farming, which latter was the chief occupation of his life, but his later years were passed in retirement. He died in 1868, his wife some time before, and they lie buried in Amherst cemetery. Politically he was first a Whig, and afterward, on the formation of the party, a Republican.

Alfred Harris, the subject proper of this sketch, received a liberal education at the common schools, and subsequently attended Oberlin College, when Prof. Finney was president of that institution. When he was about twenty-six years old he left the paternal roof, and embarked in the cattle business—buying and selling—in which he was very successful. In 1862 he rented the home farm for five years; then bought a piece of improved land, which he sold six years later, and bought the home farm where he now lives, containing 233 acres of as good land as can be found in the township.

In 1861 Mr. Harris married Julia Durand, a native of Henrietta township, Lorain county, by which union children as follows have been born: Viola (now Mrs. Daniel Shaeff); Harriet, Charles H. and Garfield, at home. In his political associations our subject is a Republican.

JOSEPH J. RICE is proprietor of the old-established foundry in Amherst township, situated two and one-half miles southwest of North Amherst, and known far and wide as "Rice's Foundry."

Mr. Rice was born September 17, 1828, in Westmoreland county, Penn., a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Uhlre) Rice, the former of Westmoreland county, the latter of Fayette county, Penn., and who came to Amherst township, Lorain county, in 1829. They were the parents of four children, viz.: Henry, born July 13, 1816, died in 1849; Peter, born February 19, 1818, died in 1889; Samuel, born February 1, 1825, died in 1852 in California, and Joseph J., subject of sketch. The father died in 1835 in Amherst township, the mother in 1865 at the age of seventy-nine years.

Joseph J. Rice received his education at the common schools of Amherst township, and learned the trade of foundryman in his present foundry, which his brothers, Henry and Peter, had built in 1843. They themselves knew nothing of the business, but employed men to do the work, and

they operated same for several years, until our subject, having thoroughly made himself master of the trade, succeeded to the business, and he has since been running it constantly every day. He does an immense trade, and since his proprietorship has been engaged in the manufacture of the "Rice Plow," well known in northern Ohio. Mr. Rice also owns a good farm of 140 acres, all in a high state of cultivation.

In 1857 our subject wedded Miss Emily Josephine Cook, who was born February 4, 1839, in Delaware county, N. Y., daughter of Lewis R. and Emeline Cook, of the same county. To this union have been born three children: Arthur J., who was educated at Oberlin College; Virgil E., married and residing in Oberlin, where he carries on a florist business; and Tracy J., attending the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin. In politics Mr. Rice is a stanch Republican.

V. E. RICE, the well-known florist of Oberlin, is proprietor of the most extensive business of the kind in Lorain county. He has over one fourth of an acre under glass, no less than seven hot-houses all connected, in the aggregate representing the largest conservatory for floriculture in his part of the State. A visit to his grounds, which he owns and which are situated on Lorain street, will well repay the lover of flowers, for here he will find them in endless variety, beautiful and fragrant, and in all stages of growth. Summer and winter he has flowers for sale —both cut and uncut—and he is always to be found at his post, courteous and obliging.

Mr. Rice is a native of Lorain county, born in Amherst township in 1865, a son of J. J. and Emily (Cook) Rice, the former of whom is a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of New York State. The father came to Lorain county, and engaged in the foundry business in Amherst. He and his wife are now living in Amherst township. Our subject received his elementary education at the common schools of his native township, which was supplemented with a one-year's attendance at Oberlin College, after which he took a course in Oberlin Business College, where he graduated. He then embarked in his present line of business in Amherst, which he successfully carried on there until 1890, when he removed to Oberlin.

In April, 1888, Mr. Rice was married, in North Amherst, Lorain county, to Miss Lena Merthe, a native of Lorain county, and daughter of Henry Merthe, a farmer of Amherst township. To this union has been born one child, Earl V. In politics our subject is a Republican.

D. S. WRIGHT, dealer in stoves and tinware, Elyria, is a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, born in 1830 He is a son of Lewis and Eliza. (Smith) Wright, who were both born in the Blue Ridge Mountain region, West Virginia.

They came to Ohio, and were married in Coshocton county, where they passed the rest of their days, rearing a family of children, as follows: Willis (who was shot), William (died of consumption), Martha (deceased in childhood), D. S. (subject of sketch), Charles (drowned in the Cuyahoga river), John and Henry (twins, the latter of whom was editor of a Kansas paper, and committed suicide in 1867), Thomas, Robert, Laura, Ferdinand and Frank. The father was a farmer, civil engineer, school teacher, justice of the peace, and to some extent a lawyer. He died at the age of forty-eight years, the mother when fifty-three years old.

Our subject was reared and educated in his native county, and at the age of sixteen became engineer on a canal boat, a vocation he followed for some time. Afterward he learned his trade of tinsmith in Muskingum county, Ohio, and after a residence for a time in Cleveland, he, in

1852, located permanently in Elyria, two years thereafter opening out a general business in stoves, tinware, etc., in which he has been remarkably successful. His stock is at all times replete with everything in his line. He was married to Miss Mary Freer, and has three children living, as follows: Frances, who married a Mr. James F. Thompson, and has five children: Ruby, Alice, Bessie, Blossom and Don; Josephine, married to E. P. Lord, and has one child, Lawrence; and Alice, who married F. H. Quayle, and has three children: Mable, Jonas and Milton (she keeps house for her father, her mother having died January 18, 1891).

NICHOLAS WILBER, a progressive citizen, and prominent in the agricultural interests of Henrietta township, is a native of the State of New York, born January 19, 1827, in Preble, Cortland county.

Thomas Wilber, father of subject, first saw the light in 1793, in Dutchess county, N. Y., where he lived until he reached his thirtieth year, when he moved to Cortland county, N. Y. At that time the section where he settled was for the most part wild land, but, commencing life a poor man, he became comparatively opulent through assiduous industry and indefatigable labor, bought land and lived the rest of his life a prominent farmer. He married Marion Filkins, a native of Dutchess county, N. Y., and they had a family of eleven children. He was a Federal Anti-Jackson man, afterward an enthusiastic Whig, then (1844) a strong Abolitionist, and, finally, an active Republican. He died in 1873 in the town of Cortland, N. Y., and was buried in Homer, same county.

Nicholas Wilber, the subject proper of these lines, received superior educational advantages, attending school until he was thirteen years old, when impaired health compelled him to abandon study. He then turned his attention to farming pursuits, and worked on the homestead until 1864, when he came to Ohio, and bought a small piece of land in Henrietta township, Lorain county, on the Oberlin Road. In course of time he came into possession, by purchase, of 160 acres prime land, whereon he now lives, having a comfortable residence and commodious barn and other outhouses. Mr. Wilber has always taken an active part in politics—first as a Whig, then as a Republican, and in later years as a Democrat. He has attended several State conventions, and has filled with ability various township offices of trust. Mr. Wilber had five brothers: John, Isaac, Jonathan, Daniel W. and George A., two of whom are still living: Isaac and Daniel W.

In 1848 he was united in marriage with Miss E. J., daughter of Edmund and Mary Miller, and one son, Miller, was born to them. The latter married Hattie, daughter of S. O. Kellogg, and they had four children, all of whom died of diphtheria in January, 1893, and were buried within five days of each other.

PETER R. DRAPER, a much respected and highly prosperous farmer citizen of Brighton township, is a native of Huron county, Ohio, born in Townsend township, May 25, 1839, a son of Sheldon and Clarissa (Cole) Draper, the father born in Dutchess county, the mother in Chenango county, N. Y. They came from the latter county to Ohio, first locating in Bronson township, Huron county, later removing to Townsend township, where they died, the father in 1869, the mother in 1879, and they lie buried in Townsend township.

The subject proper of these lines received a fair education at the common schools of his native place, and early in life commenced to work on his father's farm. At the age of eighteen he commenced to learn the trade of blacksmith, but at the end of twelve hours gave it up, concluding that he was better adapted to agriculture. After his marriage he located in Camden township, Lorain county, on forty acres of land he had bought there, on which he lived two years, then in 1870 came to his present farm in Brighton township, where he successfully carries on general farming and stock raising. Here he now has 127 acres of land, besides some in Townsend township, Huron county, and he has erected on his Lorain county farm one of the finest residences in the locality.

On March 29, 1868, in Brighton township, Lorain county, Mr. Draper was united in marriage with Miss Estella Sellon, born in Michigan December 4, 1849, daughter of Major Sellon, and children as follows were born to them: Alma Mary, Mrs. Gilbert McCord, of South Dakota; DeWitt A., a farmer of Camden township, Lorain county; Della L., Mrs. Clarence Gibson, of Camden township; and Frank A., Altha E., Fred R., Archie P., Seth O., Rosella M., Jessie L., Clarence O. and Glenn S., all at home. In politics our subject is a Republican, and has served in various township offices; in church association he and his wife are Seventh Day Adventists.

RICHARD WALKDEN, a leading wide-awake agriculturist of Columbia township, is a native of Massachusetts, born October 14, 1828, in Lowell, a son of William and Mary (Blundell) Walkden.

The parents of our subject were natives of Lancashire, England, whence in 1826 they emigrated to this country, locating first in Lowell, Mass., where they worked in factories, in 1833 moving westward to Ohio, living in Newburgh one year, and then settling on a farm in Cuyahoga county. The father died in Berea, Ohio, in April, 1873, aged eighty nine years, the mother in September, 1857, in Cuyahoga county, at the age of sixty-four years. He had been twice married, and by his first wife had three children, viz.: John, who remained in England; Jane, Mrs. John Bainbridge, who died in Ridgeville township; and William, who came to Lorain county in 1843, died on the ocean in 1879. By his marriage with Miss Mary Blundell he had children as follows: Alice, who died in 1890 in Cuyahoga county; James, who died in 1875 in Lowell, Mass.; Thomas, residing in Cuyahoga county; Ann, the widow of Eastman Bradford, of Berea; Mary, widow of Joseph Chevalier, of Berea; Arthur, residing in Columbia township; Peter, who died in Ridgeville township in 1880 (he had come to Lorain county in an early day); Richard, our subject; Peggy, deceased; and Margaret, widow of Henry Woods, of Cuyahoga county.

Richard Walkden was a small boy when his parents brought him from Massachusetts to Cuyahoga county, Ohio, where he received his education in Warrensville township, and was reared to practical farming. In 1859 he purchased his present place in Columbia township, Lorain county, comprising fifty acres which he improved, erected a comfortable dwelling and commodious barn, etc., and has added thereto till now he owns 193 acres of as good land as can be found in the county. In 1859 Mr. Walkden was married in Columbia township to Miss Matilda Litchfield, born in Birmingham, England, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Holden) Litchfield, who came from their native England to America in 1847, landing in Prince Edward Island, Canada, where the father died; the mother subsequently came with her family to Lorain county, Ohio, locating in Columbia town-

ship, where she married a Mr. Price; her death occurred in October, 1872. By her first husband she had nine children, as follows: Mary, married, living in England; Elizabeth, widow of Henry Mitchell, of England; Eliza, deceased; John, who enlisted in 1861 in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth O. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Missionary Ridge; Thomas, residing in California; James, living in Washington; Joseph, who died February 24, 1888, in Shiawassee county, Mich.; Matilda, Mrs. Walkden; and William, who died in England.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walkden were born thirteen children, as follows: Mary is the wife of Henry Hawkins, of Berrien county, Mich., and has three children, Arthur, Lula and Leroy; Cornelia was a teacher in Lorain county for a number of years, and is now the wife of Robert Bivan, of West View; Fred; Frank was killed by lightning at the age of ten years; George, residing on the farm, is married and has one son, Lee Ebenezer; Emma has been a teacher in Columbia and Ridgeville townships, Lorain county; Delilah; Jennie; Clayton died at the age of three years; Henry, Lena, Chester and Ernest. In politics Mr. Walkden takes an active interest as a member of the Republican party; he has been a member of the school board for some considerable time. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, and they are highly respected in the community.

PETER SIGOURNEY, retired, having his residence in Kipton, Lorain county, where he is much respected, is a native of New York State, born in Fowler, St. Lawrence county.

The father of our subject, also named Peter, was born in Vermont, whence he moved to New York State, and married Miss Wealthy Bates, a native of Massachusetts. He died in 1832, the father of nine children, of whom the following is a brief record: Louisa married Daniel Russell, and died in Livingston county, Mich.; William is deceased; Caroline married John Kemp, and died at Watertown, N. Y.; Andrew also died in Watertown, N. Y., after reaching maturity; Peter is the subject of this sketch; Anthony is a resident of Lincoln, Neb.; Orin is a resident of Westerville, Neb.; Sarah is the widow of Nicholas Boshert; Addison is a carpenter of Norwalk. After the death of the father, the farm, which had only been in part paid for, was sold at a sacrifice and the family were scattered. Our subject went to Watertown, N. Y., to make his home with his uncle, Anthony Sigourney, and here remained four years, part of the time working out on day wages. His elder brother, William, had come to Ohio in March, 1838, locating in Camden township, Lorain county, and the rest of the family, including Peter, came to Ohio in the following June. They lived in Henrietta township six or eight months, and then, William having, in February, 1839, bought land in Camden township, they moved thither in March following.

Peter Sigourney, our subject, attended school until he was ten years old, and after the death of his father had to work hard to assist in the support of his brothers and sisters. After his marriage he made his first permanent location in Camden township, Lorain county, where he worked around at whatever he could find to do, chiefly clearing land, at which he did more than any one living today in Camden township. In 1847 he bought out of his hard-earned savings forty-seven acres of land at six dollars and fifty cents per acre, in Camden township, to which four years later he moved, his first house being a building 15 x 24, ten feet high, and there made his home until 1878. In that year he moved into the town of Kipton, built a residence which he sold some time after, and then erected his present comfortable home. On January 7,

1846, Mr. Sigourney was married to Miss Sarah M. Johnson, born in Saratoga county, N. Y., July 15, 1825, a daughter of Ezra and Polly (Wood) Johnson, who came to Ohio in 1831, and settled in Florence, Erie county. The children of this union were Bennett, born February 15, 1847, died July 20, 1851, and Mary E., born June 15, 1857, died September 22, 1858. Our subject is a loyal Democrat, during the Civil war voting the Union ticket, and he is a member of the Free-will Baptist Church. He is a representative self-made man, and what he owns has been won by hard work and judicious economy.

GEORGE SCHOTT, than whom there is no more respected citizen in Grafton township, is a representative self-made man, and a prosperous agriculturist.

He is a native of Bavaria, Germany, born January 22, 1817, a son of George Schott, who was a farmer in his native land. Up to the age of fourteen our subject attended school in Bavaria, and then served a two-years' apprenticeship at the baker's trade, under two masters. Being naturally of a roving disposition, and learning, in 1836, of two or three families about coming to America from his native town, he made up his mind to join the party. Receiving sufficient money from his father, he set sail from Hamburg on the good ship "Lucadona," and after a voyage of fifty-eight days arrived in New York, where he soon secured work at his trade. At the end of two years his father and the rest of his family emigrated to the United States, the port of landing being Baltimore, at which time George was lying sick with malaria in a certain town on the Hudson river. He had written to his parents not to come to America, which letter never reached them, but they found the sick boy, and on his recovery he joined them while en route to Logan county, Ohio. Here, a few years later, the parents died. Our subject had taken a trip through that State, but not being satisfied with the country concluded to return to New York State; and while on his journey thither he stopped over at Liverpool, Medina Co., Ohio, where he met Miss Margaret Baumann, also a native of Bavaria, who had crossed the Atlantic with her parents in 1835. Here he was married, and having but little money wherewith to commence housekeeping, he hired himself out as a farm laborer, and by hard work and judicious economy he and his wife ere long accumulated sufficient to buy a small farm in Medina county, which they lived on until 1846. In that year they came to Grafton township, Lorain county, where for two years they rented land, at the end of which time Mr. Schott purchased from Charles Bishop the farm where he now lives, at that time comprising seventy-five acres. To this he from time to time added until he had an aggregate of 325 acres, fifty-five of which he gave away, leaving him now the owner of 270 acres of choice farming land.

The children born to George and Margaret (Baumann) Schott were George W. and Peter, both in Indiana; John B., in Nebraska; Frank, in Grafton, and a daughter that died in infancy. The mother of these departed this life in 1861, and for his second wife Mr. Schott married Sarah Yucah, now deceased, by which union there is no issue. Politically our subject is a stanch Republican, and he is a member of the Evangelical Church at Liverpool, Medina county.

JOHN SMITH (deceased) was born April 12, 1805, in Yorkshire, England, whence when a young man he emigrated, in company with a brother, William, to Canada. The brothers there

purchased fifty acres of land, but John afterward disposed of his share and went to New York State. Some time later he returned to Canada, and on August 29, 1836, was there united in marriage with Mary Braithwaite, who was born November 9, 1815, also in Yorkshire, England. When three years of age she came with her parents to Montreal, Canada, in which country her father, Edward Braithwaite, became an extensive farmer; he also followed his trade, that of carpenter. Before returning to Canada Mr. Smith had made a visit to Oberlin, Ohio, and while there became very much impressed with the country, consequently he moved thither with his wife soon after his marriage. They drove a span of horses part of the way, and then made a part of the journey by water, landing at Cleveland, whence they again drove to Oberlin, Lorain county. Mr. Smith had saved a few hundred dollars, which he soon invested in forty-four acres of land; he obtained employment in Oberlin, running the engine in the grist-mill at that place, in which he continued until the mill was burned, when he commenced work on his farm. After the mill was rebuilt, he was again employed there, but returned to his farm (where he first lived in a rude cabin), which by his unceasing industry and energy he was continually enabled to increase. He remained there until 1869, when he rented the place, and moved into Oberlin to educate his family. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith came the following children: Sarah Ann, born September 27, 1837, who married Lewis Breckenridge, an attorney of Cleveland (they had one son, Edwin S., a professional ball-player); Mary S., now widow of Lewis Breckenridge, of Cleveland; Emma J., of Cleveland; John Edward, who graduated from Andover College, Massachusetts, and is now a Congregational minister in California; Mary S. died in infancy; and William H. died in youth. They had also an adopted daughter, Phœbe Rollinson, now Mrs. John Gunn, of Delta, Colo. Alexander Greenwood, now a young man, has also shared their home, but is at present residing in Massachusetts.

In 1879 Mr. Smith returned to his farm, and a few years later built a very pleasant home, just outside of Oberlin, where he led a retired life until his death. During his later years his eyes caused him considerable trouble. In politics he was a Republican with Prohibition tendencies, and in religious faith was a leading member and supporter of the First Congregational Church of Oberlin. He passed from earth April 29, 1889, and was buried at Oberlin.

Mr. Smith was one of the most successful farmers of his day, and though enjoying in his youth but meager literary advantages, he acquired a practical education, was a close observer of men and manners, and possessed a good memory. He was very fond of Scripture reading, was an active worker in the Church, and was a highly esteemed citizen of the community in which he resided. Since his death, Mrs. Smith, who is a well-read, intelligent lady, and a most interesting conversationalist, has spent part of her time in the East, but resides generally at the pleasant family home near Oberlin, where she is surrounded by hosts of friends.

L. D. GLYNN, a prosperous agriculturist of Lorain county, was born October 17, 1819, in Berkshire county, Mass. His parents were Edward and Sylvia C. (Tuller) Glynn, who reared a family of three children, all sons, namely: Henry, who came westward to Ohio, where he died in Clarksfield, Huron county; Alfred J., who died in Michigan, and Lorenzo D., subject of this memoir.

The father of this family died when his son Lorenzo D. was but six years of age, and for a while the latter was cared for by others, in the meantime attending school. When fourteen years old he was bound out

to Elijah Hughings, a farmer of Great Barrington, Mass., and in September, 1836, came with his foster-parents to Lorain county, Ohio, locating near the center of Pittsfield township. Some dissatisfaction having arisen between them, however, Mr. Glynn left Hughings, and returned to Massachusetts, making part of the journey by canal, and walking the remaining distance. In the fall of 1839 he returned to Pittsfield township, where he found work —threshing and chopping wood, and in fact doing any honest labor he could obtain.

On September 22, 1844, he was married to Emeline Carter, who was born June 9, 1825, in Greene county, N. Y., daughter of Calvin S. and Johanna (Townsend) Carter, who came to Pittsfield township in 1841. To this union were born children as follows: Sarah Ann, who married Horace G. Bartlett, and died in Pittsfield, Ohio; Melvin R., who served in Company H, Second Ohio Cavalry, and received a wound at Stony Creek, Va., from the effects of which he died; Lucy E., who married Alexander Mayhew, and died at Garrettsville, Ohio; Susan D., wife of Harvey Norton, of Pittsfield township; Mary J., who was first married to Lewis Ives, and is now the wife of Alonzo Norton; Ellen, Mrs. Horace Bartlett, of Pittsfield; Eva E., Mrs. Charles Bryant, of Wood county, Ohio; Marion, deceased in infancy; James T., a farmer of Pittsfield township; Viola, Mrs. Thomas Hollingsworth, of Pittsfield; and Alice M., Mrs. Henry Colston, of Russia township, Lorain county. After marriage Mr. Glynn located on a small farm in Pittsfield township, which he had partly cleared, and which he subsequently sold to John Preston. In 1848 he came to his present farm, purchasing 120 acres, then almost entirely woodland, and with no improvements whatever. He had to erect a cabin himself, and then went industriously to work, clearing off the land, and year by year adding thereto, until he now has a fine farm of about 231 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Glynn are both good business managers; starting in life with nothing, he has met with no small degree of success in his life vocation, all due to his own exertions. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican until 1872, when he became a member of the Democratic party, with which he has since affiliated. Socially he is a member of Oberlin Lodge No. 678, I. O. O. F. He and his wife are both fond of reading.

BODMANN BROTHERS are proprietors of the popular flourishing grocery in North Amherst, which they opened for business November 9, 1891, having bought out the grocery department of Plato Bros.

Henry J. Bodmann, senior member of the firm, was born April 6, 1869, and received a liberal education at the common schools of the vicinity of his boyhood home. At the age of thirteen he commenced to learn blacksmithing, at which he worked until going into the grocery business with his brother.

William J. Bodmann, junior member of the firm, was born February 4, 1871, and was educated at the common schools. At the age of thirteen he commenced working at home, and one year afterward entered a grocery store as junior clerk, where he remained some years, after which he was on a farm three years. He was then in the employ of Plato Bros., about one and one-half years, at which time he and his brother Henry J. bought out the grocery of that firm as already related. Mr. William J. Bodmann is a Catholic, and a charter member of the C. M. B. A.

Henry Bodmann, father of Henry J. and William J. Bodmann, was born June 11, 1837, in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, where he received his education, and was taught the flour-milling trade.

In 1865 he came to the United States, and after half a year's residence in New York moved westward to North Amherst, where he first found employment in a brewery, in which he remained about ten years. He bought property, and for some years carried on a saloon. In 1867 he was united in marriage, in North Amherst, Ohio, with Margaret Frank, who was born in Hesse, Germany, December 29, 1842, and was nineteen years old when she came to America. Eight children were born to them, viz.: Henry J. and William J. (of the grocery firm of Bodmann Bros.), Harman, Louis, Mary, John, Carl and Joseph. Mr. Bodmann is a Democrat, and a member of the Catholic Church.

GEORGE HOLLSTEIN, one of the well-to-do native-born farmers of Amherst township, is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Bechstein) Hollstein, natives of Hessen-Cassel, Germany, where they were married.

In the spring of 1848 they set sail from Bremen for the Western World, and after a voyage of fourteen weeks landed at New York, whence they proceeded by rail to Buffalo, thence by water to Cleveland, and from there by team to Lorain county, Ohio, where they settled on a farm of fifty acres the father had bought in Amherst township, and on which our subject now resides. Here Henry Hollstein carried on farming until his death, which occurred in 1890, when he was aged eighty-four years; the mother died in 1880, aged sixty-eight years. In his political preferences Henry Hollstein was a Republican, and he and his wife were members of the Evangelical Association. They reared a family of five children, as follows: Adam married Lucinda Ray, a native of Lorain county, and settled in Brownhelm township, where he died in 1890 (his widow resides in that township); Elizabeth, widow of John Dreher, lives in Allegan county, Mich.; Catherine is the widow of John Hoffner, of Oberlin, Ohio; Sophia is the wife of Conrad Nuhn, of Vermillion, Ohio; and George is the subject proper of this sketch.

George Hollstein was born on his present farm in 1851, received his education at the Union schools of North Amherst, and was reared to agricultural pursuits on his present farm. For a time he followed quarrying and taking out ship timber in different counties of Ohio, but he has given most of his attention to the farm.

In 1881 Mr. Hollstein was married, in Lorain county, to Miss Catherine Kolbe, a native of Germany, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Huessem) Kolbe, also of the Fatherland, and who now reside in Black River township, Lorain county. One child has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hollstein, named Walter. They are members of the Evangelical Church, of which he is trustee, and of the Sunday-school of which he was superintendent some years. Politically he is a Republican.

WILLIAM LAPP was born December 27, 1845, on his present farm in Amherst township, a son of Henry and Catherine (Able) Lapp, who were natives of Hessia, Germany, where they were married.

In an early day they came to America, and to Lorain county, Ohio, settling finally on the farm whereon our subject now lives, in Amherst township. The father was a merchant tailor, an occupation that took him away from home a good deal, and while he was absent his wife attended to the farm. On first coming to the county he located on the lake shore, where he bought seventy-five acres, on which he built a tailor shop, and here followed his trade; he also worked for a time in Brooklyn, a village near Cleveland. He died in

1890 at the age of eighty-nine years; his wife in 1891 when aged eighty-two. They had children as follows: John, who died about the year 1838; Eliza, who married, and died in Lorain county in 1889; Catherine, wife of Jacob Fowls, who lives in Amherst township; Mary, widow of Henry Heisner, who lives in North Amherst; Henry, a resident of Lorain; and William, the subject of this memoir.

William Lapp, whose name opens this sketch, received his education in the common schools of his district, and was reared to farm life. In 1869 he married Miss Eliza Appleman, by whom he had three children: John (attending the business college at Oberlin), Charles and Frank. The mother of these died in 1890, and in 1892 Mr. Lapp was united in marriage with Miss Katie Limbaugh. Our subject owns a fine farm of 156 acres prime land, and carries on general agriculture. In 1884 he built his present residence at a cost of three thousand dollars. In politics he is in sympathy with the Democratic party, and in religious sentiment he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

W. H. BRYANT, proprietor of the Bryant Channeler Machine Shops, North Amherst, was born on his present farm in Amherst township, Lorain Co., Ohio, October 10, 1840, a son of Nathaniel and Ann (Wilkins) Bryant, who were born in Gloucestershire, England, the father in 1799; they were married in their native county, and came to the United States in 1828.

The subject of this sketch received his primary education in the common schools of his township. On October 30, 1861, he enlisted in the Forty-second O. V. I., and participated in many battles and skirmishes, principal among which were the engagements at Vicksburg, Chickasaw Bluffs, Arkansas Post, and Vicksburg (2), where they camped all winter on the low flat marshy point in front of Vicksburg. Thence in the following spring they moved to below Vicksburg, thence to Grand Gulf, the mouth of Black river, from which place they saw the terrific bombardment of that place by U. S. gunboats. The regiment then participated in the battle of Thompson's Hill, where they sustained great loss, and were afterward at Champion Hill, Black River Bridge, as well as in several skirmishes around Vicksburg, afterward taking part in the siege thereof, and its final surrender July 4, 1863. They then marched to Jackson, Miss., and drove Johnson's army from that place; also assisted in tearing up thirty miles of railroad, after which our subject came home on a thirty-days' furlough. Rejoining his regiment at Berwick Bay, La., he proceeded with it up Bayou Teche, same State, and at Plaquemine remained all winter. Next spring they were ordered to Baton Rouge, thence to the Red river campaign, after which they were placed on detail duty, to keep the river clear; were also at Milliken's Bend, Eagles Point and DuVall's Bluff, Ark., at which latter place Mr. Bryant's term expired. His company was one of the best drilled companies in the Western army. They took part in a prize drill contest at Milliken's Bend, and came off victorious. Mr. Bryant remained in the river service from Baton Rouge to Eagles Point, Ark., till the close of his term of service, chiefly on the Mississippi, Arkansas and White rivers. At Memphis, Tenn., in 1862, he was promoted to orderly sergeant. On his return home he attended for a time the commercial school at Buffalo, N. Y., of Bryant & Stratton, both of whom are related to him. He also learned the trade of stone cutter. At Meadville, Penn., he taught bookkeeping, and assisted in establishing a commercial college there. From Meadville he proceeded to Michigan, and was two years on a homestead in the northern part of that State,

where he experienced the hardships incident to clearing up a farm in a heavily-wooded country, where he had but one neighbor nearer than one mile. While on the farm he received an offer of a position in a concern doing a large business in supplying wood to lake steamers, and shipping it to Chicago. After the second year he became general manager of the business. The company purchased and sold about twenty thousand cords of wood annually, the bulk of which was chopped by the Indians, who received nearly all of their pay in goods and provisions from the company's store. After five years spent in the northern part of Michigan, Mr. Bryant removed to Chicago to take a position as bookkeeper, but at the end of a year, having to give up his position on account of the climate proving unfavorable to the health of Mrs. Bryant, he came to Amherst, Ohio, and shortly afterward went into the stone business, which at first was far from a grand success, but finally proved to be a good venture. In 1889 he invented a machine known as "The Bryant Channeler," for cutting both limestone and sandstone, and for the past four years has been engaged in manufacturing them. He also owns the Bryant Quarries in Amherst township, as well as one in Elyria.

On April 21, 1866, Mr. Bryant was married in Meadville, Penn., to Miss Harriet Adelaide Wykoff, a native of Pennsylvania. In politics he is a Republican; socially he is a member of the K. of H.

FRANKLIN ARNOLD, an upright, intelligent citizen of Pittsfield township, was born August 20, 1841, in Camden township, Lorain county.

His father, James Arnold, son of Anthony Arnold, was born in 1806 in New York, where he was reared to manhood and received an education in the common schools. He was married in his native State to Miss Eliza Carrington, and in about 1839 came west to Lorain county, Ohio, purchasing land in Camden township. Here he soon afterward settled, and at that time the tract was all woodland, with no improvements save an old log house. In 1844 Mrs. Arnold died, leaving one child, Franklin, and was buried in Camden cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Arnold married Jane Ann Powell, a native of New York, who bore him three children: Anthony; Susan, Mrs. Byron McNeal, of Chicago, Ill.; and Emma, married, now of Council Bluffs, Iowa. They resided in Camden township until 1851, when they moved to the farm in Pittsfield township (where Franklin Arnold now resides), and there passed the remainder of their lives. In politics he was a Democrat, and he took considerable interest in the political issues of the day, keeping himself well informed. He held various local offices, serving as township trustee, assessor, etc., and was a shrewd business man and a good farmer. He died January 13, 1864, and was buried in Camden township by the side of his wife. His widow, who was a member of the M. E. Church, died in 1878, and was interred in Pittsfield cemetery.

Franklin Arnold was reared to farm life, received his education in the common schools of his day, and when ten years of age moved with his parents to Pittsfield township, where he has since made his home. On December 21, 1865, he was married, in Elyria, Ohio, to Helen M. Rawson, who was born December 30, 1844, in Pittsfield. Her parents, Ropha and Betsey (Fulton) Rawson, came from New York State to Lorain county, Ohio, locating in LaGrange township; they died in Pittsfield township. To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have come children as follows: Erwin, born January 30, 1868, who graduated from Wellington high school, and is now teaching in Pittsfield township; and George A., born August 30, 1870, a farmer of Pittsfield township. Soon after marriage Mr. Arnold purchased, from Ara

Rawson, fifty acres of land adjoining the home farm, and here began wedded life, living upon that tract until 1892, when he moved to the home farm. Here he has erected a handsome new dwelling-house and barn, which are models of their kind. In politics he is a Democrat, and in 1891 was elected township trustee, being the first Democrat to hold that office since his father served in the same capacity; he has numerous friends in both parties. Mr. Arnold now owns 147 acres of excellent land, where he carries on a general farming and dairying business. He has hosts of friends, and it is safe to say that there is no citizen in Pittsfield township who holds a higher place in the esteem and regard of his fellow-citizens. Mrs. Arnold is a member of the Methodist Church.

WILLIAM PRESTON, one of the most successful agriculturists of Pittsfield township, was born July 31, 1823, in Lincolnshire, England, son of John Preston. The grandfather of subject was a tailor by trade, and was in the employment of the British Government at Gibraltar, where his son John was born.

John Preston was reared on a farm in Lincolnshire, England, and there married Martha Major, who bore him four children, viz.: William; Eliza, who was married in England to William Colson, died in Oberlin, Ohio, and was buried in Pittsfield; Caroline, who was married in England, came to America, and died in Philadelphia, Penn., where she was buried; and one son that died in infancy unnamed. The mother of these children passed away in 1831, and Mr. Preston married in England, for his second wife, Rebecca Clark, to which union were born six children. In 1847 he sailed from Liverpool to New York, whence he at once proceeded to Pittsfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where an English family named Wills had previously located. Here he purchased fifty-six acres of land for six hundred dollars, and having a capital of but eighty dollars was obliged to go in debt for the remainder. He lived in an old log house on this tract for some time, and later removed to the west town line, where he died in April, 1877, and was buried in East cemetery, Pittsfield township; his wife had preceded him to the grave. He was an active Republican, and took great interest in politics. He was a man of good proportions, and during his active life was an indefatigable worker.

William Preston attended the common schools until ten years of age, and from early boyhood worked on the farm, his first duty being to scare the crows from picking the corn off the ground. When thirteen years of age he hired out at thirty dollars per year, to care for four horses, and was later employed in various places and at various occupations. On May 15, 1851, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Flatters, who was born May 29, 1824, in Lincolnshire, England, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Emerson) Flatters, and on May 28, same year, the young couple left their early home and friends, taking passage for New York on a "Red Star" liner. They landed after a voyage of five weeks, and proceeded at once to Cleveland, Ohio; on the way thither they happened to be in Buffalo, N. Y., on the Fourth of July, and witnessed the celebration, but did not know the cause of it. From Cleveland they came by rail to Wellington, Ohio, from which place they were driven to Pittsfield township, where they saw the log house in which his father had first lived. There they remained for two months, and then rented a house and later five acres of land, where they resided for eighteen months. Mr. Preston next rented land from Joseph Worcester, of Pittsfield township, and subsequently removed to Wellington, where he rented a much larger place. From Wellington he moved

to Sullivan township, Ashland Co., Ohio, where he resided for six years. In 1870 he purchased ninety-six acres in Pittsfield township, Lorain county, and resided thereon until 1891, when he moved to Pittsfield Center, where he now leads a retired life.

Mr. Preston now owns 135 acres of excellent land. Coming to America a poor man, he has, by patient industry and untiring energy, accumulated a comfortable competence, and is one of the most highly respected members of his community, kind-hearted and generous in every respect. Politically he is a Republican, and has served as township trustee, and in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. To their union have come the following named children: Elizabeth, deceased at the age of four years; Martha, Mrs. Charles Avery, of Pittsfield; Eliza, deceased when fifteen months old; Mary L., Mrs. William Pickworth, of Clarksfield, Ohio; Catharine, Mrs. John Jordan, of Brighton, Ohio; Roderick J., who died at the age of four years; and William, a farmer of Pittsfield township.

ALBERT FOSTER, who for many years has been prominently identified with the interests of Lorain county, is a native of the "Green Mountain State," born January 30, 1831, in Windsor county.

His father, Addison Foster, a farmer, and mother, Lizzie (Pease), were both born in Weston, Windsor Co., Vt., and while living in that State had children as follows: Lucy A., who was married in Ohio to David Clark, and died in Nebraska; Ira A., of Eaton county, Mich.; Albert, the subject of this memoir; and Hannah, Mrs. Rufus Knowles, of LaGrange. In August, 1836, the family set out for Ohio, driving three four-year-old horses, coming via Troy, N. Y., to Cleveland, and thence to LaGrange township, Lorain county, where a sister of Mrs. Foster, Malinda Dale, resided, at whose home they remained for a few days. Mr. Foster purchased eighty-three acres in the vicinity, on which some clearing had been done, and here the family made their first settlement, remaining thereon until 1862, when Mrs. Foster's failing health induced him to change his residence to the center of the township. Here they led a retired life until their decease, Mr. Foster passing away in 1874, Mrs. Foster in 1875; both are buried in the Center cemetery of the M. E. Church. He was industrious, hard-working, a good business manager, and one of the most progressive men in the county, qualities which brought him success and enabled him from time to time to increase his property. He always gave liberally to church work, and was the largest contributor toward the M. E. Church building, also donating the land upon which it stood. Politically he was a Republican, originally a Democrat, having changed during Fremont's administration, and served as township trustee and in various other local offices. After coming to Ohio three children were added to the domestic circle, viz.: Horatio, who died in LaGrange in 1864, of smallpox; George, of LaGrange, and a son that died in infancy unnamed.

Albert Foster was five years old when he came with his parents to Ohio, and here he attended the common schools, which were then held in log buildings. He received a thorough training in agriculture on the home farm, where he remained until his marriage, on February 6, 1852, to Miss Betsey Knowles, who was born in the East, and came when one year old to Ohio, whither her father, Horace Foster, removed in an early day, settling in LaGrange township, Lorain county. After his marriage our subject located on a piece of the home place, near the homestead, and commenced farming, remaining there ten years, when he exchanged with his father for the home-

stead. Here he resided fifteen years, or until April 2, 1877, when he disposed of 108 acres of the home farm, and came to his present place, near the center of LaGrange township, where he has since lived retired. To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Foster have come four children, viz.: Lyman P. (of Penfield, Lorain county), Merritt (of Brown county, Kans.), Frank (of LaGrange) and Edward (of Brown county, Kans.), all of whom are engaged in farming. These children have all had the best of educational opportunities, and their father has liberally assisted each one to make a start in life. In politics he was originally a Democrat, but is now a stanch member of the Republican party, and has given universal satisfaction as trustee of LaGrange township. In the fall of 1883 he was elected a director of the county infirmary, a position in which he has ever since efficiently served. Kind-hearted and generous, he is recognized as a public benefactor, and is looked up to and esteemed as one of the leading citizens of his community. He has traveled considerably, and has paid several visits to his sons in Kansas. Mrs. Foster is a member of the M. E. Church. [Since the above was written we have been informed of the death of Mr. Albert Foster, which occurred January 20, 1894.—ED.

J. H. TOWNSHEND, a progressive and well-to-do agriculturist of Sheffield township, is a native of the same, born in 1839, a son of John and Hannah (Hurst) Townshend, both of whom were natives of England, the father of Warwickshire.

When a young man John Townshend, father of subject, emigrated from England to the United States, coming in 1831 to Lorain county, Ohio, and settling on a farm in Avon township. He there married Hannah Hurst, and the young couple then moved to another farm, in Sheffield township. Mr. Townshend was killed by the cars in Elyria, Ohio, in 1875, and Mrs. Townshend died some years ago.

J. H. Townshend was educated in the common schools of his native township, and was trained to farming pursuits, which have been his life work. He assisted in opening up the home farm, now a well-cultivated piece of land, on which he yet resides. In 1875 he visited Pittsburgh, Penn., and was there and then married to Miss Mary Shober, by whom he has had the following named children: Lloyd, Leola, Ina and Florence. In politics Mr. Townshend is a Republican, stanch and true, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church at Avon.

PETER M. SMITH is a thoroughly representative loyal German-American citizen of Sheffield township, where he successfully follows the plough.

He was born May 19, 1819, in Prussia, Germany, a son of Mathias and Barbara (Dohn) Smith, also natives of Prussia, where the father, who was a farmer, died when his son Peter M. was five years old. The widowed mother and her family subsequently emigrated to the United States, and to Lorain county, Ohio, where she died in Sheffield township at the age of seventy-nine years, the mother of eight children, of whom three grew to maturity, namely: Mary, Peter M. and Ann Mary.

Peter M. Smith, the subject of this biographical memoir, received his education in the schools of the Fatherland, and was there married. In 1846 he and his family came to America, and to Lorain county, Ohio, first locating in Ridgeville township, afterward settling in Sheffield township, where he bought his present beautiful farm of 166 acres of highly cultivated land. A brief record of his children is here pre-

sented: Joseph has his home in Wisconsin; Peter is married, and lives in Cleveland (he has six children living); Hubbard is married, and had ten children; Kate, Mrs. Schumacher, has had six children; John is married, and has nine children. The mother of the above named family died in 1883, at the age of seventy years. Mr. Smith has four living grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Catholic Church.

DAVID MILLER, a well-known resident of North Amherst, is an early settler of Lorain county. His parents, Jacob and Catherine (Cook) Miller, were natives of Bavaria, Germany, and in 1847 emigrated to America, locating in North Amherst, Lorain Co., Ohio, where they passed the rest of their lives. They reared a family of seven children, viz.: Jacob, who lives in Brownhelm township; Catherine, in Mercer county, Penn.; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Miller, of Sheffield township; David; Julia, living in Michigan; Margaret, wife of Adam Baker, of Black River township; and Amelia, wife of Barney Burke, of Lorain. The father of this family followed farming; he died in North Amherst in 1889, having been preceded by the mother in 1888, when aged eighty-eight years.

David Miller was born in 1827 in Bavaria, Germany, where he was reared and educated. He learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in Germany, England and France, and in 1847 came with his parents to North Amherst, Lorain county, where he also followed his trade for many years. In 1864 he enlisted, at Wooster, Ohio, in Company I, First Ohio Artillery, for one year or during the war, serving as blacksmith; they were stationed at Chattanooga, Tenn., and at Dalton, Ga., at which latter place Mr. Miller received an honorable discharge in 1865, and returned to Lorain county.

In 1851 Mr. Miller was married in Lorain county, to Miss Margaret Hildebrand, a native of Germany, daughter of David and Gertrude (Reis) Hildebrand, natives of Hessen, Germany, whence they emigrated in 1835, settling in Black River township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where the father passed away in 1858, and was followed to the grave by the mother in 1862. They were the second German family to settle in Lorain county. A brother of Mrs. Miller resides in North Carolina. Our subject and wife are the parents of seven children, viz.: Lewis, a farmer of Sheffield township; Mary, wife of George Keller, a farmer of Black River township; Sophia, wife of Winnie Gawn, of Amherst township; Elizabeth, wife of Roy Leslie, of North Amherst; Rowena, wife of Philip Klotz, residing in Lorain; Julia; and Emma, wife of Irving Chappell, a machinist, of Cleveland, Ohio. In politics Mr. Miller is a Republican, and in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, at North Amherst. Mr. Miller is now engaged in fruit farming and gardening.

JOHN W. GROTE, of North Amherst, was born November 25, 1849, in Hanover, Germany, a son of George and Nena (Zieranberg) Grote, the former of whom was also a native of Hanover, where they both died. The father was killed by an accident in 1849; the mother passed from earth when about fifty-three years old. They had four children, of whom our subject was the only one to come to America.

John W. Grote received a good education at the school of his native place, and in 1872 came to America, setting sail April 15 and arriving May 15 following. After his arrival in North Amherst, Ohio, he commenced working in stone quarries, in

which he continued some fifteen years in one place, most of the time in the capacity of foreman in the Holdeman quarry (now owned by the Cleveland Stone Company). After a year's sickness he opened out in the retail liquor trade in North Amherst, and has been very successful, being a popular and much respected citizen. Mr. Grote was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Subears, and four children—one son and three daughters—have been born to them, viz.: Rosa, Emma, Lizzie and Willie. The entire family are members of the Presbyterian Church; in politics Mr. Grote is a Democrat, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Encampment, and the K. O. T. M.

AZARIAH SMITH ROOT, A. M., Librarian and Professor of Bibliography at Oberlin College, is a native of Massachusetts, born in Middlefield February 3, 1862, a son of Francis and Anna (Smith) Root. The father of subject, also born in Middlefield, Mass., is now a merchant in the town of East Douglass, Mass. He married Anna Smith, who died March 24, 1874, at the age of forty-five years, eight months, the mother of two children, of whom Azariah S. is the second.

The subject of this memoir received his preparatory education at the high school of Middlefield, and at the Hinsdale and Pittsfield schools, all in Massachusetts. In 1880 he entered Oberlin (Ohio) College, where he graduated in the classical course of 1884, after which, in 1885–86, he studied law in Boston University, and also in Harvard University. In 1887 he was appointed librarian of Oberlin College, and in 1889 professor of Bibliography, which positions he is at present holding. In the year last mentioned he took the degree of A. M. at Oberlin College. He is librarian for the Ohio Church Historical Society.

On April 30, 1887, Prof. Root was united in marriage with Miss A. M. Metcalf, of Elyria, Ohio, and one child—Francis Metcalf—was born to them August 24, 1889. In politics our subject is a member of the Third Party Prohibitionists, and is a member of the County Prohibition Committee. He is of the tenth generation of the Root family in the United States.

DAVID SCHWARTZ, one of the prosperous and industrious German agriculturists of Russia township, is a native of Bavaria, Germany, born July 7, 1832.

His father, Jacob Schwartz, was by vocation a farmer in the Fatherland, owning a small piece of land, and he labored at whatever he could find to do when he had no work at his own home. He married Miss Catherine Burg, and she bore him five children, one of whom, Catherine by name, died in Germany. The father passed from earth there in March, 1834, leaving a widow and five children to be provided for. In the meantime the eldest boy married, and the family circle being now broken, the widowed mother concluded to emigrate to America with her remaining offspring. Consequently in June, 1848, they—she and four children, Jacob, Margaretta, Elizabeth and our subject—set sail from the port of Antwerp for New York, where they landed after a passage of forty-two days. From there they proceeded by Erie Canal to Buffalo, thence by lake to Cleveland, and then by road to Russia township, Lorain county, where there already was a small colony of their countrymen. The son Jacob acted as leader of the party, and having among themselves saved about three hundred dollars, he (Jacob) purchased a farm therewith, afterward repaying what he had borrowed.

At this time David Schwartz was sixteen years old. He attended school regularly

in his native country, and but a short time in the New World. He had no trouble in securing work, and for his first year's services received fifty dollars. At the age of nineteen he bought sixty acres of land on credit, and by the time he was twenty-one he had paid off the entire sum—five hundred and eight dollars—all accumulated by hard work and rigid economy. He has now 163 acres of land, all in a high state of cultivation.

In September, 1856, Mr. Schwartz was united in marriage with Christina Baker, who was born March 16, 1834, in Boston, Mass., a daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Cook) Baker, who came west to Ohio in an early day, and settled in Amherst township, Lorain county. After marriage the young couple commenced housekeeping in an old log house that stood on his farm, which in after years was superseded by the more substantial residence, which is yet standing. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz: Frank E., a farmer of Carlisle township, Lorain county; Caroline, Mrs. William Shubert, of Russia township; Charles H., of Elyria, Ohio; Eliza S., Mrs. Eugene Waldorf, of Muncie, Ind.; John A., of Arizona; Lucy S., Mrs. A. F. Renkie, of Elyria, Ohio; and Mary F. The mother of this family died somewhat suddenly on August 6, 1879, after a brief illness, and she now lies buried in North Amherst cemetery. Politically our subject is a Democrat, but though true to his colors takes no active interest in the affairs of his party, having his time fully occupied on his farm.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN, a popular, progressive and wide-awake citizen of Oberlin, where he is proprietor of a flourishing bookstore, is a native of Canada, born November 6, 1849, in Bolton, Brome county, Province of Quebec. He is a son of John and Mary (Mooney) McLaughlin, the former of whom was born in the Highlands of Scotland, and when a child was brought to Canada by his parents, who died on their farm there. The father of our subject, after his marriage with Miss Mary Mooney, a native of New Hampshire, settled on the old homestead in Brome county, Quebec, where he died in 1884, at about the age of sixty-two years; his wife lived to an advanced age.

The early life of our subject was passed on the farm in Canada, and his education was received at the schools of St. Johnsbury. At the age of twenty years he came to the United States, prior to which he had worked at various vocations, saving money as he plodded along. This enabled him to come west, where there were better opportunities for a young man, and locating in Lorain county, Ohio, he attended school at Oberlin one year. After this, February 26, 1876, he opened his present bookstore in Oberlin, in which business he has met with well-merited success. In addition to books and stationery he carries a large stock of wall-paper, and makes a specialty of lamps, particularly the "Oberlin Lamp," for which he has the exclusive sale in the city. Our subject was married in Oberlin to Miss Jennie V. Bunce, and they have two children: Helen Irene and Dora Genevieve. In his political preferences he is a Republican.

EDWIN A. BIVINS, a well-known farmer of Amherst township, is a descendant of one of the earliest pioneer families of Lorain county. Benjamin Bivins, grandfather of our subject, was born in Connecticut, and was reared in Erie county, N. Y., where he received his education in the schools of the district. In an early day he came to Lorain county, Ohio, where he followed farming, afterward returning to Erie county, N. Y., where he was married to Miss Asenath Adams. In 1835 they came

to Lorain county, and settled on a farm, where they passed the remainder of their lives. The grandfather served for many years as constable and justice of the peace in his township. He died at the age of eighty-three, and his wife passed away at Elyria when aged eighty-nine years and nine months. He was a soldier in the war of 1812.

Lyman Bivins, son of this old pioneer, was born January 17, 1808, in Otsego county, N. Y., and in 1835 came with his father from Clarence, Erie Co., N. Y. He married Lydia Greene, a native of Massachusetts, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: Edwin A.; Maria, wife of Morris Hecock, of Sheffield township, Lorain county; George L., in the livery business in Elyria; Eliza, deceased wife of L. D. Stout; Josephine, who married Leonard Steele, and died in Amherst; and Albert, who died in infancy. The mother of this family died in 1864; the father is still living at the age of eighty-five years.

Edwin A. Bivins was born in 1837 in Amherst township, Lorain county, and was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the district schools. He learned the carpenter's trade of his grandfather, and for fifteen years was in the employ of the Lake Shore Railroad, at Norwalk, on car and cab work. He was afterward engaged for five years in the milling business at Amherst, and then returned to the farm. In 1863 Mr. Bivins was married to Miss Mary I. Winton, who was born in Amherst township, daughter of Orrin and Mariett (Smith) Winton, natives of Vermont, who came to Amherst township about 1834, where he was extensively engaged in farming. They were the parents of children as follows: Eli, who resides in Arkansas; Ann, widow of Edward Aikens, of Amherst township; Mariett; C. F., living in Kansas; O. P., who died in East St. Louis, Ill.; Alferetta, wife of George Morgan, of Elyria; Hattie, wife of William Barnes, of Cleveland; William W., a stationary engineer at Sandusky, Ohio (his twin sister died in infancy); Nellie, who lives in Elyria, and Mary I., Mrs. Bivins. The father of this family was killed by a falling tree; his widow is now residing with our subject. Mrs. Bivins' maternal grandfather Smith came to Lorain county in 1834.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bivins was born one child, Frank B., who became a sailor, embarking first at Erie, Penn.; after sailing for three years on the lakes, he went to Philadelphia, from there sailing to Germany, and thence to Australia, whence, after a stay of nine months, he went to London, England. From there he went to San Francisco, and then cruised along the coast to British Columbia. He was killed on board the ship "Kennebec," while some days out from San Pedro, Cal., and was buried at sea. In politics our subject is a member of the Democratic party, and he has filled numerous political offices; for two years he was marshal of North Amherst, and he has also served as constable, as member of the town council, and as assessor of North Amherst. Socially he is a member of Stonington Lodge No. 503, and in religion he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church at North Amherst.

S. J. GARRETT. In the front rank of the representative agriculturists of Carlisle township is found this gentleman, the owner of one of the finest 200-acre farms in the county, devoted to general agriculture, in a great measure to dairying, having thereon an average of twenty cows.

Mr. Garrett is a native of New York State, born in Saratoga county, August 10, 1830, a son of Benjamin and Charlotte (Rowell) Garrett, the father a native of New York State, the mother of Vermont. They were married in New York State, and in 1834 migrated to Lorain county,

Ohio, locating first in Penfield township, afterward, in 1836, settling in Carlisle township, where they bought a partly-improved farm of 265 acres. In politics the father was first a Democrat, then a Republican, and he served as trustee of his township. He died in Carlisle township, June 29, 1866, the mother in May, 1886, at the age of eighty-seven years. The paternal grandfather of subject, Joseph Garrett, lived all his life in New York State, and his wife lived to be ninety years old. To Benjamin and Charlotte Garrett were born three children, viz.: John, who married, and moved to Clinton county, Mich., where he died about the year 1884; Jane Eliza, wife of George Noble, residing in Elyria, and S. J.

The subject of this memoir was almost five years old when he came with his parents to Lorain county, and in Carlisle township received his education, at the same time giving his assistance toward the opening up and improving of the home farm. In 1854 he was married to Miss M. Noble, who was born in Lorain county, and reared in LaGrange township, a daughter of Hervey and Phœbe (Wilkinson) Noble, who settled in an early day in that township, where they carried on farming the rest of their lives. At the time of their settlement in LaGrange, in June, 1827, there were only two or three families in the township. Mr. Noble died June 16, 1871, aged seventy-six, his wife having preceded him to the grave April 23, 1870, aged sixty-nine years. They had a family of eight children, as follows: Betsy, deceased at the age of eighteen months; Esther, wife of David Parsons, of Akron, Ohio; George W., residing in Elyria; Amanda, deceased at the age of eighteen years; Emily Annette, wife of C. C. Manville, of LaGrange township, Lorain county; Mrs. S. J. Garrett; Henry D., who was married, and died in Lorain county in 1861; and Melissa, deceased at the age of four years. To Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Garrett were born three children: Frank, who was married in 1878 to Miss Mary Martin, and has one child—Essie Bell; Cora, wife of Charles Fuller, who has one child—Carrie (they live in Cleveland); and Charles, who was married in February, 1887, to Minnie Lehman, and has three sons—Leroy, Mark Elmer and Roy. In his political associations Mr. Garrett is a Republican, and has served as township trustee three or four terms.

HIRAM WACK, one of the prominent representative agriculturists of Carlisle township, is a "Green Mountain Laddie," born in Vermont September 9, 1809, a son of Frederick and Hannah (Loomis) Wack, natives of Connecticut.

They were married in their native State, and afterward moved to Manchester, Vt., thence to Dorset, Vt., when our subject was about two years old. In 1837 they came to Lorain county, Ohio, settling on a farm near the Black river, in Carlisle township, where Mr. Wack died. when over eighty years of age; Mrs. Wack passed away in Michigan also aged over eighty years. They had a family of children, six of whom are yet living, named as follows: Eliza (wife of John Wyman), William Albert, Hiram. Charles Chauncey, Caroline Laura, and Clarissa; Erastus died in infancy. In politics Mr. Wack was a member of the Whig party.

Hiram Wack, of whom this sketch chiefly relates, may be justly classified among the pioneers of Carlisle township, as he came here in 1837, at a time when wild animals were yet plentiful. On September 19, 1839, he was married to Miss Jane Rickey, a native of Vermont, and they had three children, as follows: George, who married Miss Diantha Vibber, and has one child—Herbert (they live in Russia township); Alfred, who married Miss Caroline Bender, and has six children—Ellen, Charles, Frank, Cassie, Mary and Mabel;

and Mary Jane, wife of Charles H. Heighton, who has three children—Harry, John and Robert (the family reside in La Porte, Carlisle township). Our subject learned the trade of carpenter in New York, and worked at same in Oberlin some years, at intervals, before his marriage; he was also a workman one winter on the steamship "Bunker Hill," which lay at the mouth of the Black river. After marriage he did carpenter work only in his neighborhood, and also operated his farm, which is well improved and now comprises some 179 acres. He has taken an active interest in politics as a member of the Republican party ever since its organization, though his first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson. The paternal grandfather of subject, who is supposed to have been a German, was a soldier in the American Revolution, and died while on his way home at the close of his service.

WARREN EARL, assessor and treasurer of Eaton township, who has been a resident of Lorain county since December, 1853, is a native of Tompkins county, N. Y., born in 1834. His parents, Moses and Elizabeth (Fauver) Earl, were also natives of New York, and there passed their entire lives. The father died in New York in 1836. They had but one child, Warren. Some time previous to his death Moses Earl had located land in Ohio.

Warren Earl was reared and educated in Tompkins county, N. Y., and in 1853 came to Lorain county, Ohio, locating in Eaton township, and working in Elyria, where he learned the bricklayer's and plasterer's trades. In 1864 he enlisted, at Wooster, Ohio, for one year, in Company D, One Hundred and Seventy-eighth O. V. I., and served with the army of the West. He participated in the engagement at Murfreesborough, served till the close of the war, and 1865 was honorably discharged at Philadelphia. He returned to Lorain county, Ohio, and in 1868 settled in Eaton township, where in 1877 he bought twenty acres of improved land. Mr. Earl has taken considerable interest in politics, voting with the Republican party, and has served two terms as township assessor and for twelve years as treasurer.

Our subject has been twice married, first in 1859, in Eaton township, to Miss Adelaide Fauver, a native of New York, who died in 1871. In February, 1874, he was united in marriage with Miss Sally Earl, a native of New York, and to this union have come two children, namely: Minnie A. and Anna B. Socially Mr. Earl is a member of Richard Allen Post No. 65, G. A. R., Elyria.

JO. HUMPHREY, a lifelong farmer of Eaton township, comes of a family who have been identified with the county over threescore and ten years.

He was born in 1832 on his present farm on Butternut Ridge, a son of Orson J. and Lucinda (Sutliff) Humphrey, both of whom were natives of Connecticut, where they were married. From there they came with a one-horse wagon to Lorain county, Ohio, the trip occupying six weeks, and in 1822 located in Ridgeville township, whence in 1832 they moved to Eaton township, to the farm now occupied by the subject of this sketch. Orson J. Humphrey was a tanner and currier by trade, which he carried on till he commenced farming. He took a considerable interest in politics, first as a Whig, later as a Republican, and served as a justice of the peace fifteen years, and county commissioner three terms. He died December 5, 1867, his wife in November, 1869. They had a family of six children, five of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Amelia, deceased wife of Joiner

Race, of Ridgeville township, Lorain county; Fidelia, wife of Lewis M. Pounds, of Topeka, Kans.; Orelia, now in Kansas; Facelia (widow of William Brust), a resident of Toledo, Ohio, and J. O.

The subject of our sketch had a thoroughly practical school training in his native township, and afterward attended select school at LaPorte, Lorain county, and college at Berea. On his return home he applied himself assiduously to agriculture, at which he has since continued with well-merited success. He now owns a fine farm of 125 acres, all in a good state of cultivation.

In 1856 Mr. Humphrey was married, in Carlisle township, to Miss Elizabeth Worthington, and eight children have been born to them, of whom the following is a brief record: Helena is residing at home; Elmer E. married Miss Alzina Hamlin, and they have two children—Hamlin and Blanche; and Mary, Orson, Clarence, Mildred, Edwin and Herbert, all at home. Mr. Humphrey in his political sympathies votes the Democratic ticket. Mrs. Humphrey is a member of the M. E. Church at LaPorte. Joseph and Betsy Humphrey, grandparents of subject, were Connecticut people, born of Welsh ancestry, and in an early day came to Ridgeville township, Lorain county, where they passed the rest of their busy lives.

RICHARD MARSH, a farmer of Eaton township, was born in 1816 in the eastern part of the county of Kent, England, son of John and Elizabeth (Dean) Marsh. The parents of our subject were also natives of England, where they died, the father at the age of seventy, the mother at the age of fifty-one. They reared a family of seven children, two of whom are still living, namely: Jane, wife of Thomas Spicer, residing in England; and Richard, subject of this memoir. John, who came to Eaton township in 1850, married Louisa Sutton, and died in October, 1890; his widow resides in Eaton township.

Richard Marsh was reared and educated in his native England, and there engaged in farming pursuits until 1852, when he came to the United States, locating in Eaton township, Lorain Co., Ohio. In 1864 he was married, in Eaton township, to Mrs. Harriet Cassell, a native of England, widow of Edward Cassell, by whom she had two children: Henry, a resident of Missouri, and a daughter, Mrs. Silk. Mr. Marsh has devoted his entire life to agriculture, and he now owns a good farm of forty-two acres, all in a high state of cultivation. In his political preferences he is a Republican; in religion he is a member of the Disciple Church.

JOHN BERRES, for over a third of a century a valuable farmer citizen of Ridgeville township, is a native of Germany, born near Berlin in 1835, a son of Adam and Mary Berres, of the same country. In 1856 the family came to the United States, settling in Ridgeville township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where the parents passed the rest of their lives, the father dying in 1892, the mother in 1879.

As will be seen, our subject was about twenty-two years of age when he came to America, so that his school days were all passed in his native land, where he also learned farming (a vocation he has ever since followed), besides, according to the customs of the country, a trade, his choice being carpentry, at which he worked two years before crossing the ocean. In 1865 he bought forty-two acres of partly-improved land, subsequently adding thereto the Taylor farm, and he now owns 103 acres, all well-cultivated, on which he has erected a comfortable modern one-and-a-

half-story residence 22x28, with an L, also one and a half stories, 18x24; kitchen 14x16; woodshed 12x14; horse barn 22x28. He has also put up a commodious barn 40x60, and a second one 30x40. Mr. Berres confines himself to general farming, and by untiring energy, sound judgment and judicious economy has made an enviable success.

In 1861 our subject was married, in Ridgeville township, to Miss Anna Stouber, a native of Germany, daughter of Peter and Barbara (Conrad) Stouber, also of Germany, who in an early day immigrated to the United States, making their final home in Avon township. Mr. and Mrs. Berres are the parents of four children, as follows: Emma, married to George Otten, of Ridgeville township (they have two children, Mathias and Katie); Katie, wife of Mathias Diedrick, of Ridgeville township; Mary and Caspar. They have also adopted a boy named Tony Stouber. Some time ago our subject spent seven years in the Lake Superior country among the copper mines. He is an active member of the Republican party, and has served his township as supervisor and member of the school board. He and his wife were born and brought up in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

C. H. JACKSON. Among the prosperous and most respected of the representative, native-born agriculturists of Eaton township, is to be found this gentleman. He is a son of Barnabas and Martha (Farnham) Jackson, and first saw the light of day in 1851.

Barnabas Jackson, father of subject, was born in Maine, whence when young he came to Liverpool, Medina Co., Ohio, with his parents, Abel and Sarah Jackson, who were also natives of Maine. He married in Portage county, Ohio, Miss Martha Farnham, who was born in that county, near Ravenna, and for some time thereafter they lived in Medina county, where he conducted a sawmill. Later he followed building and contracting in Grafton township, Lorain county, and among the buildings he put up may be mentioned the roundhouse and two hotels. In 1853 he moved to Eaton township, same county, and bought an improved farm from Ira B. Morgan, where he passed the rest of his days in agricultural pursuits, dying August 8, 1889. He was a Republican, originally a Whig, and served his township as trustee; during the dark days of the war of the Rebellion he gave all the assistance in his power to preserve the Union. His own parents died, the father in Iowa, the mother in Eaton township, Lorain county, aged eighty-nine years. To Mr. and Mrs. Barnabas Jackson were born seven children, all of whom are yet living, viz.: Ellen, wife of Albert Bingham, of Eaton township; C. H., our subject; Sarah, wife of Charles Kettner, of Cleveland; Frederick Henry, married to Celia Nichols, and residing in Cleveland; Andrew, married, and living in Eaton township; Byron W., married to Blanche Nichols, and living in Cleveland; and James E., married to Sarah Aubrey, also in Cleveland. The mother of this family is yet living on the old homestead.

C. H. Jackson, whose name opens this sketch, received his elementary education at the schools of Eaton township, which was supplemented with a two-years' attendance at Oberlin College. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, but in early life turned his attention to the manufacture of cheese, which industry he carried on in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, some thirteen years; he was also interested in a cheese factory in Eaton township. In 1881 he purchased an improved farm of 125 acres in Eaton township, where he has since resided, carrying on general farming.

In 1877 Mr. Jackson was united in marriage, in Berea, Ohio, with Miss Eva E.

Emmons, a native of Columbia township, Lorain county, daughter of Francis and Cordelia (Smith) Emmons, of Connecticut, and pioneers of Columbia township, Lorain county; the mother is deceased, the father yet living. To this union has been born one child—Grace G. In his political associations Mr. Jackson is a Republican, and for five years served as township trustee; in 1888 he was elected a justice of the peace.

W A. BAINBRIDGE, one of the wide-awake, go-ahead, native-born agriculturists of Ridgeville township, is owner of 140 acres of as good land as can be found in the county, being mostly the old homestead of the family.

Mr. Bainbridge was born in 1837, a son of William and Elizabeth (Ford) Bainbridge, natives of England, the father of near Hull, Yorkshire. They were married in their native country, and subsequently immigrated to the United States, and in 1832 they made for themselves a new home in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, the locality at that time being all woodland. William Bainbridge first bought twenty-five acres, to which he added sixty acres, and, later, fifty acres, aggregating 135 acres of fine farm land, where he successfully carried on general agriculture till his death; his widow passed away at the age of eighty-one years. Mr. Bainbridge in his political views was first a Whig, in later years a stalwart Republican, casting his first Presidential vote for J. C. Fremont, and he held many township offices of trust. To this honored couple was born a family of children, the following being a brief record of them: George died in Ridgeville township at the age of thirty-three; Mary Jane died young; Jabez, married, resides in Olmsted township, Cuyahoga county; W. A. is the subject of this sketch; Hester is the wife of Thomas Hollister, of California; Rachel is the wife of Augustus Tilburg, of Ridgeville township; Fletcher died in Ridgeville township; William B., who was married, died in Ridgeville township.

The subject of these lines received such education as was afforded in his early boyhood by the primitive schools, held in some old log shanty, whose furnishings and "dominie," alike, smacked of "the sere and yellow leaf." In politics he is a straight Republican, and has served his township as road commissioner. In 1891 he visited California, spending six months in the southern portion of the State, part of the time in San Jose. Mr. Bainbridge has not yet enlisted in the courageous army of "Benedicts," preferring an Arcadian life of single bliss.

C HARLES W. BOMMER, a representative, progressive citizen of Avon township, where he has resided since childhood, was born August 30, 1861, in Olmsted township, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio.

Joseph Bommer, father of Charles W., was a native of Baden, Germany, whence in an early day he came to the United States and to Cuyahoga county, Ohio, where he worked by the month. He married Sophia Muche, who was born in Hesse, Germany, and in 1867 they came to Avon township, and opened up a farm on which he remained until his death, which occurred in 1881; his widow passed away in Avon township in 1885. They reared a family of seven children, as follows: Louisa, wife of P. Nagle, of Avon township; Ed., married, residing in West View, Cuyahoga county; Frank, a resident of Ridgeville township, Lorain county; Eva, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Gertie, living in Lorain county; Willie, who died when three years old; and Charles W., whose name introduces this sketch.

Charles W. Bommer came with his parents to Avon township when six years old, and here obtained his literary education in the common schools. He was trained from early boyhood to agricultural pursuits, in which he has always been engaged, and he now owns a half interest in the homestead and a farm in Ridgeville township. He was united in marriage, in 1886, in Avon township, with Miss Anna Engels, a native of the township, daughter of Peter Engels, and to this union have been born four children, viz.: Frank, Clara, Willie and Anna Bertha. In his political preferences Mr. Bommer is an ardent worker in the ranks of the Democratic party; in the spring of 1893 he was elected trustee of Avon township, where he has also served as supervisor and school director. In religious connection he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church at French Creek.

FREDERICK DAGUE, a self-made, representative agriculturist of Penfield township, is a son of Frederick and Catherine (Harsh) Dague, and was the second child born to them after their removal to Ohio.

Our subject first saw the light January 23, 1822, and received a limited education in the subscription schools, the only ones then afforded at that time and place. From early boyhood he was inured to the arduous duties of pioneer farm life, and he remained at home until several years after his marriage. On August 29, 1844, he was wedded to Miss Maria Smith, born December 9, 1824, in Berks county, Penn., daughter of Jeremiah and Rowena (Arnold) Smith, who came to Ohio in 1826, settling in Stark county, where Mr. Smith died, the family subsequently removing to Richland county, where Mrs. Dague resided until her marriage. The young couple took up their residence on the farm of his father until 1851, when they removed to their present farm in Penfield township, then comprising 100 acres, all in the woods, which he purchased at five dollars and a half per acre. The cabin in which they lived was built of logs, had a white ash floor, and was a very comfortable, though rudely-furnished, home. Soon after coming here Mr. Dague built a barn, which is still standing, he and his brother John, who were neighbors, assisting each other in their work. To Frederick and Maria Dague were born children as follows: John, of Litchfield, Ohio; Levi, of Harrisville, Ohio; Maretus, of Chatham, Ohio; Frederick, of Spencer, Ohio; Sarah M., the widow of Robert Everhart; Homer, who died at the age of thirteen years; Jeremiah, of Spencer; Jonathan, a farmer of Litchfield, Ohio; Mary Jane, Mrs. Orrin Meade, of Michigan; Emerson, a farmer, at home; Charles, a farmer of Spencer; Ella, Mrs. Grant Hull, of Litchfield, Ohio; and Anna, who married Grant Hull, and died at the age of twenty-two years. Mr. Dague has been a lifelong farmer, and for a short while carried on a dairy in connection with his agricultural work. He now owns a fine farm of 190 acres, all accumulated by his own energy and unceasing industry, for he began life with comparatively nothing. In his political predilections he has always been a stanch Democrat, and in religious faith he and his wife are members of the German Baptist Church at Chatham, Ohio.

GEORGE T. DEEG, a highly successful farmer and grape-grower of Avon township, is a native Wurtemberg, Germany, born in 1826.

He is a son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Lautenschlager) Deeg, of the same locality, who were married in Germany, and in 1842 set sail from the port

of Le Havre-de-Grace, France, for the New World, their family accompanying them. After a voyage of thirty-three days they landed in New York City, whence they came direct to Cleveland, Ohio, arriving in Avon township, Lorain county, in October, same year. Here they settled on a farm near the lake shore, and here the father died in 1847, the mother in 1846. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Catherine, who married John Upwright, and died in 1859 in Eaton county, Mich.; Margaret, first married to Christian Seifred, who was killed in Cleveland, and now the widow of Christian Brandt (she resides in Covington); Dorothea, who married Treat Titus, and died in 1874; George T., our subject; Mary, widow of Christian Schornhurst, of Chicago, Ill.; and Caroline, wife of Daniel S. Green, of Avon township.

George T. Deeg was sixteen years old when the family came to America from Germany, and a portion of his education was received in each country. After leaving school he, in 1852, shipped before the mast on a vessel sailing the lakes, and for fourteen years followed that vocation in various capacities, such as common sailor, cook, mate, etc.; in 1858 he bought a vessel which he sailed for his own account till the fall of 1862, when he sold her and in 1863 navigated her for others. In 1861 he had bought his present fine farm of sixty-eight acres, and has since erected a commodious and comfortable residence thereon. In 1849 Mr. Deeg was united in marriage, in Avon township, with Miss Maria Diederich, daughter of Peter and Gertrude Diederich, who came to Lorain county in 1847, and are now both deceased. To this union were born four children, to wit: William G., a resident of Detroit, Mich., who is married and has three children: Sailor, Bell and Anna; Joel T., married and residing in Elyria (has three children: Nellie, Nina and Josephine); Augusta, widow of William Moon, of Avon township (has three children: Stella, Guy and William); and Julia, in Detroit, Mich. The mother of these died in 1879, and in 1882 Mr. Deeg married Miss Elnora Cornwell, a native of Columbia township, Lorain county, a daughter of Elson Cornwell, an early pioneer of the county. Politically our subject is a Republican, and has been a member of the school board. He and his wife are associated with the M. E. Church of Avon township.

ELISHA JACKSON, one of the earliest and best-known pioneer citizens of Penfield township, was born October 8, 1818, in Champion, Jefferson Co., New York.

Our subject received his education in the common schools of the period, attending whenever possible, as he took more pleasure in study than in play, and was a very apt scholar. When but a young man he entered the employ of a man named Poole, who made fanning mills, while engaged in this displaying considerable liking and natural ability for carpentry, and later working at the business in Philadelphia, Jefferson county, N. Y. He remained in his native county until 1841, when he started for the then Far West, proceeding first to Sacket's Harbor, where he took the boat for Lewiston, thence traveling by stage-coach to Niagara Falls. From the latter place he came to Buffalo on the first railroad he had ever seen, and there took the lake boat for Cleveland, his destination being Penfield, Lorain Co., Ohio, where his eldest brother, Pliny, resided. Having missed the stage-coach to Elyria, and having but a few dollars with him, not sufficient to hire a private conveyance, he walked from Cleveland to Penfield, arriving there June 3. Here he worked at his old occupation, the manufacture of fanning mills, meantime making his home with his brother until July 4, 1843, when he married Miss Eleanor A. Rowland. She was born November 22,

1820, in Oneida county, N. Y., daughter of Joel and Lucy (Wood) Rowland, farming people, and was in Penfield township on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Pliny Jackson, when she met our subject. For a short time after his marriage Mr. Jackson lived in Penfield township, then removed to Pittsfield township, where he bought land, and later took up his residence in Monroe, Mich., where he was employed as pattern-maker in a foundry, his knowledge of carpentry being sufficient to enable him to perform such work. After four years he returned to Penfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, locating on his present farm, for which he had previously negotiated. At that time a dense forest covered the land, on which no improvements whatever had been made, and all the clearing on the tract, 137 acres in extent, has been done either by him or under his direction.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have been born children as follows: Joel R., a farmer of Penfield township, who was first married to Mary Bradstock, by whom he had two sons—Harley (now deceased) and Judson C. (the mother of these died and he was married, for his second wife, to her sister Lydia); Charles E., farmer of Penfield; Charille H., deceased wife of John Bradstock; Lucy, wife of Horace Palmer, now of Penfield; Milo T., a farmer of Penfield, who has four children—Oga Eveline, Altha Leona, Margaret Irene and Carl; and Sally E., residing with her parents. With the exception of the time spent in working at his trade, Mr. Jackson has given his attention to farming. He and his wife have seen great changes in this section of the country; panthers, bears, deer, wolves, turkeys, and other wild animals which once abounded have now disappeared from the region; the dense forest has given place to smiling farms; and the rude hut which first sheltered the family is now supplanted by a substantial brick residence. Mr. Jackson has performed much arduous labor in his day, and by his untiring energy and industry has amassed a very comfortable competency. On July 4, 1893, he and his wife celebrated their "golden wedding," an occasion which will ever be remembered by those present. In his political preferences our subject has been a Republican since 1856, prior to which time he was an ardent Whig, casting his first Presidential vote for William H. Harrison. He takes a lively interest in the success of his party, and, while not an office-seeker, has served several terms as township trustee, with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

A. H. WITBECK, who during his lifetime was a well-known and universally respected member of the farming community of Penfield township, was born May 20, 1827, in Schoharie county, N. Y., son of Henry G. and Freelove (Welton) Witbeck.

The subject of this sketch was reared to farm life, and received his literary education at the common schools of those early days, which he attended a few weeks in the winter season; and the only year he spent the entire winter at school was while working for his board for William L. Hayes. When he was four years old, in the fall of 1831, he had been brought by his parents from New York State to Penfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he grew to manhood, and being the eldest of six sons, the bulk of the duties on the home farm fell on his shoulders. As soon as he was old enough he worked principally away from home, doing various kinds of farm labor in various districts, and receiving for his services from six to eight dollars per month, all his earnings going to assist his father to pay for some land which the latter had purchased. For one year he was in the employ of Talcott Starr, of Elyria township, and he also spent one winter in Michigan, in the pineries, cutting

timber and working in one of the lumber camps so numerous in those days. He received thirty acres as his portion of the tract of one hundred acres he had helped his father to pay for, and this formed the nucleus of the fine property he accumulated before his decease.

On November 27, 1851, Mr. Witbeck was united in marriage with Miss Mary Damon, of Litchfield, Ohio, who died less than one year afterward, and on March 20, 1855, he wedded, for his second wife, Miss Jane A. Goodyear, who was born March 27, 1838, in New Haven county, Conn., daughter of Street and Susan (Jones) Goodyear, who came to Penfield, Lorain county, in 1846, locating on the place where Mrs. Goodyear yet resides; Mr. Goodyear died in 1884. After marriage Mr. Witbeck took up his residence on the farm where he passed his entire wedded life, and which at that time, with the exception of one small clearing, was all in the woods. The young people first lived in a log house, which was some time afterward supplanted by a frame one, and in 1875 the latter gave place to a commodious brick residence, one of the most expensive and undoubtedly one of the most substantial in the township. By purchases made from time to time the extent of the original farm of thirty acres was gradually increased until there was a fine tract, comprising 250 acres of excellent land. Mr. and Mrs. Witbeck had children as follows: Mary Jane; E. F., who married Anna Walker, of Ellsworth, Kans., and now has charge of the home farm; Ansil, a farmer of Penfield township; Susan A., a school-teacher of Elyria; Sarah H., deceased at the age of nine years; Leon G., a farmer of Penfield township; and Lucinda May, who resides at home, and attends school in Wellington. Mr. Witbeck was a thoroughly self-made man, for from a start of almost nothing he accumulated his fine property and earned for himself a comfortable competence. During his active life he was one of the foremost agriculturists of Penfield township. He died February 26, 1893, after a short illness from heart disease, and was buried in Penfield cemetery. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and, while not an active politician, took an interest in the welfare of his party and was a regular attendant at the polls. For a great many years he was an ardent member of the Penfield M. E. Church, and at the time of his death was class-leader; he had served in various other positions with credit to himself and satisfaction to all. Mrs. Witbeck is also a member of the M. E. Church, having made a confession when eighteen years old. Since her husband's death she has managed the affairs of the home farm, where she resides with her son, Erving F.

PETER OSTRANDER, a typical self-made man, a representative successful agriculturist, and a respected, honored citizen of Rochester township, is a native of New York State, born August 17, 1826, in the Mohawk Valley.

Peter Ostrander, father of subject, was married to a Miss Wolcott, who bore him children as follows: John, Amos, Mary J. and Peter. The father of these, when the youngest was five years old, died of yellow fever, which he had contracted while attending a horse race at Long Island; the widowed mother subsequently married a Mr. Winchell, and died in New York at an advanced age.

The subject of this sketch, after the death of his father, was "bound out" to one Anson Pierce, whose wife, Jane, had partly reared Peter's father, and a strong attachment had sprung up between her and our subject. After a time Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, bringing young Peter Ostrander, came to Ohio, via canal to Buffalo, thence by lake to the mouth of Black river, from where to Rochester township, Lorain coun-

ty, the rest of the journey was made on foot through an unbroken forest. There were but few roads in the county in those early days, and land was worth, on the average, one dollar and fifty cents per acre. In Rochester township Mr. Pierce made a settlement on a piece of wild land that is now a part of Mr. Ostrander's farm. Their first dwelling was the traditional log cabin, and the nearest mill where they had their gristing done was Wooster, a week's trip with on ox-sled in sleighing time. Here our subject when old enough assisted in the clearing up of the dense timber and undergrowth, and in whatever else on the farm he was able to put his youthful hand to. During the winter months for a season or two he attended school at Meach's Corners, one mile south of his home, his path lying through the forest, and many a wild animal did he see as he plodded his way onward. His first teacher was Squire Conaut, and he has lived to see some wonderful changes in the county, not the least being the educational system generally, particularly the establishment of the common schools. He was thoroughly inducted into the mysteries of farm life, and has made agricultural pursuits an unqualified success. After his marriage he located on fifty acres of land he had bought near where his foster-parents resided, but later sold this, purchasing elsewhere in Rochester township. Subsequently he moved to Huntington township, whence after a residence of some years he came, in 1860, to where he now lives in Rochester township, having bought the Pierce homestead.

In 1852, during the "gold fever," Mr. Ostrander set out for California along with a party of five other fortune hunters from his neighborhood. They proceeded by rail to Cincinnati, thence by river to St. Joseph, Mo., where they equipped themselves for their long journey, and then set out via the Plains, at the end of three months reaching Placerville, Cal. Mr. Ostrander remained at the "gold diggings" two years, and then returned to his home via Aspinwall and Isthmus of Panama, thence by steamer to New York City, and from there to Ohio by rail.

On May 4, 1848, Mr. Ostrander married Miss Sarah A. Gilmore, who was born August 17, 1833, in Becket, Mass., a daughter of Darius Gilmore, an early settler of Rochester township, who at one time owned a farm near Rochester Station. Two children were the result of this union, to wit: William L., born February 1, 1849, now a resident of Colusa county, Cal., and Mary J., born September 28, 1851, now the wife of Darius Segar, of Rochester township. This wife died and was buried in Rochester, and on April 26, 1856, our subject, for his second wife, married Mrs. Catherine St. Peter, widow of Joseph St. Peter; she is a native of near Harrisburg, Penn., born November 10, 1832, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Goodman) Long, who, when Mrs. Ostrander was an infant came to Ohio, locating in Wayne county for a time, thence moving to Illinois; and finally returning to Huntington township, Lorain county. Mr. Ostrander is the owner of seventy-five acres excellent land, one of the best tracts in Rochester township, and for over thirty-seven years his faithful wife has assisted him in the economical management of the farm. She is a member of the Methodist Church at Rochester Station. He is a stanch Democrat, though not a strict partisan, and, beyond recording his vote regularly at the polls, takes little active interest in politics.

N. H. FELTON, merchant, Rochester Station, has the reputation of conducting one of the best-kept country stores in the county, which is enjoying an ever-increasing patronage.

Mr. Felton was born April 18, 1820, in Prescott, Hampshire Co., Mass., a grand-

son of Samuel Felton, and a son of Nathan Felton, who was by occupation a merchant and hotel-keeper. He, Nathan, married Mary Hines, a daughter of Dr. Nehemiah Hines (a very prominent physician of more than local reputation), and the children born to this union were: N. H. (subject of sketch); Nathan, who died in Worcester county, Mass.; and Harrison, a farmer and merchant, who died in Northampton, Mass. The parents both passed to their rest in the last named place, and were buried there.

N. H. Felton, whose name opens this sketch, received his elementary education at the common schools of his native place, which was supplemented with two terms at Amherst College. When fifteen years old he entered the general store of Clark Bros. at Northampton, Mass., at a salary of forty dollars per annum and his board. At the end of two years he left this position to accept another as salesman in the hardware store of W. A. Arnold, of the same county, and here remained eight years. Some time after his marriage Mr. Felton commenced a hardware business for his own account in Northampton, successfully conducting same three years, at the end of which time, in August, 1856, he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he secured a position as traveling salesman for Webster, Spencer & Mellen, wholesale boot and shoe dealers, his route being along the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, between Chicago and Cleveland. After five years experience at this Mr. Felton embarked, in partnership with George W. Cady, in the shoe business on Water street, Cleveland, Ohio, the style of the firm being Felton & Cady, which continued three years, our subject disposing of his interests at the end of that time. Later he was in the same business in Cleveland as manufacturers' agent, afterward, until moving to Lorain county, handling the bulk of the product of the Auburn (N.Y.) State Prison shoe factories. In 1892 he came to Rochester Station, Lorain county, and in August, same year, purchased the general store of Philip Kessler, which he has since successfully conducted; and during his brief residence here he has, by his courtesy, fair and honorable dealing, surrounded himself with hosts of friends.

In July, 1844, Mr. Felton married Miss Eliza J. Hooker, a native of Massachusetts, born in March, 1820, at Watertown, a few miles west of Boston, daughter of Denny P. Hooker, at one time a hotel-keeper, in later life a stone mason and contractor. Two children were born to this union before the removal of the family to Cleveland, viz.: Clarence H., of Rochester Station, Ohio, and Mary E., wife of H. B. Chamberlain, of Chicago, Ill. On November 23, 1891, Mrs. Felton was called from earth, and her remains were interred at Cleveland. In his political associations our subject, as was his father before him, is a stanch Democrat.

GEORGE M. BILLINGS, a lifelong agriculturist of LaGrange township, of which he is a native, was born in 1845, a son of Orson Billings.

John Billings, grandfather of our subject, was a Methodist preacher, but lived on a farm and was principally engaged in agricultural pursuits. His son Orson was born May 10, 1809, in Smyrna, Chenango Co., N. Y., received a meager education in the common schools, and then attended select school a couple of terms. He learned the trade of wagon maker, but being a natural mechanical genius, also manufactured musical instruments. On September 4, 1831, he married Miss Sophronia Buell, who was born March 20, 1810, in Chenango county, N. Y., daughter of Darias (a farmer) and Sally (Craw) Buell. Having received five hundred dollars from his father's estate, Mr. Billings was able, with what he had

saved, to buy a farm in the Black River country, and he resided thereon for two years, and then traded it for a farm in Ohio, whither he migrated in the fall of 1834. When he traded the farm he owed about one hundred dollars, and this fact delayed his migration to Ohio about a year after leaving the Black River country, but he paid it off by carpenter work, and left New York free from debt. He came to Ohio with a brother, John, who returned to New York after assisting his brother to look up the land, and in September, 1834, the family, then consisting of the wife and two children—Mary Jane (now Mrs. George Staples, of Pittsfield) and William M. (a farmer of Pittsfield township)—arrived here. They came by way of the Erie Canal to Conestoga, and thence to Buffalo, down Lake Erie, where they encountered a storm which lasted five hours, during which their household goods were all thrown overboard. After the storm abated they proceeded to Erie, Penn., and not caring to continue their journey on the boat hired a conveyance, in which they were brought to Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, from which place Orson Billings came on foot to LaGrange township, and hired a man named Kelner to bring the family to their new home. They remained over night at the Kelner home, and the following day Orson Billings attended a town meeting, and found work, moving his family for a few weeks to the center of the township. They next lived in a schoolhouse a short distance north of the farm, and later moved to a private schoolhouse, owned by a Mr. Kellog, where they passed the winter of 1834–35. Mr. Billings had traded for 300 acres, which, with the exception of a small clearing, was a dense forest, through which roamed numerous wild animals—deer, wolves, turkeys, etc. The following year a cabin was erected (which still stands near the present home of the family), and although the floor of this house was but rudely constructed, Mrs. Billings took as much pride in its neatness as she did later in her more modern home. The tablecloth was hung before the window to keep out the wind, and the only ornaments were a pair of brass candlesticks. This place they occupied for ten years, when Mr. Billings himself erected the present residence.

While living on the farm Mr. and Mrs. Billings had children as follows: Thomas J., now of Kansas; Sophronia, who married George Baldwin, of Monroe county, N. Y., where she died; Orson B., who died when nearly thirty years old, in Elyria, where he is buried; George M., subject of this sketch; and Chauncey T., who died in Elyria, and was buried there. Mr. Billings was engaged in various kinds of labor, making musical instruments, among these an organ; he invented a corn planter, the first one to work successfully, and a new mowing machine was also the result of his genius. He had acted as sales agent for a mower, and seeing a chance for an improvement he made it, and also many others for the same class of machinery. Most of his farm work was done by hired hands, as his love for invention and mechanics would not permit him to be contented with the life of a farmer; his workshop still stands. Like most geniuses of his class he did not realize much from his inventions, which are now being successfully and profitably utilized on various kinds of labor-saving machinery. His death occurred March 12, 1875, the result of a lingering illness; he had never been robust, and the incessant activity of his brain undermined his health; he was buried in Elyria, whither he had removed some time before. In politics he was a Democrat, and being a constant reader was well posted on the issues of the day. After his death his widow made her home in Elyria till 1891, and then came to the home farm, where she resided until her death, which occurred February 10, 1894. She was a member of the Church of Christ, Elyria.

George M. Billings, the subject proper of this sketch, received his primary educa-

tion in the common schools, and later attended two terms at Oberlin. He has always been engaged in agriculture, and remained on the home farm till his marriage, April 24, 1869, to Miss Mary E. Ingersoll, who was born September 28, 1851, in Grafton township, daughter of Edwin and Amelia (Kingsley) Ingersoll. He then came to his present farm, where, with the exception of a year spent on another farm in LaGrange township, he has ever since made his home. Mr. and Mrs. Billings have two children: Pearl A. and Frank C. In his political affiliations he is a stanch member of the Democratic party, and he has served as clerk and director of the school board.

B. B. ADAMS, justice of the peace for Columbia township, now serving his sixth term, his first election to the office taking place in 1872, is a native of the township, born in 1846, a son of B. B. and Uranis (Hoadley) Adams.

The father of our subject was also a native of Columbia township, and his parents—Benoni and Sally (Twichell) Adams—came to that township in about 1810 from Connecticut, Mrs. Adams being the first white woman to cross the Cuyahoga river. They died here, he on August 1, 1876, she on July 5, 1865. B. B. Adams, Sr., was a farmer all his life, and accumulated a snug competence; politically he was a Whig, and for years served as a justice of the peace. He died in September, 1848, his wife surviving him till 1874. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Sarah, widow of A. S. Slade, an attorney of Cleveland; Mary, wife of W. B. Follansbee, of Wellington; Nellie, wife of C. E. Parmelee, of Lodi; and B. B.

B. B. Adams, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education at the common schools of his native place, and also attended Oberlin College six years, after which he commenced agricultural pursuits, and he now owns a fine farm of fifty-two acres (the old homestead), all under a high state of cultivation. In 1884 he was married to Miss Alice Nichols, a native of Columbia township, Lorain county, and daughter of William and Amanda (Watson) Nichols, of Vermont and Connecticut birth, respectively, who came many years ago to Columbia township, where the father died in May, 1869, and the mother is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams have been born two children: Lou and Chauncey. Politically our subject votes the Republican ticket, and has been a delegate to County, Congressional, Senatorial and State Conventions. In addition to his office of justice of the peace, he has served his township as clerk thirteen years. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church. Lemuel and Chloe (Tyler) Hoadley, maternal grandparents of our subject, were natives of Connecticut, whence about the year 1810 they came to Lorain county, settling in Ridgeville township, where they passed the rest of their pioneer lives.

WILLIAM HAWKE, a well-known and prosperous citizen of Columbia township, of which he has been a resident since 1864, was born in 1839, in Cornwall, England.

He is a son of Richard and Grace (Hugglow) Hawke, also natives of England, the former of whom died in his native country, and in 1856 his widow came to Lorain county, Ohio, subsequently removing to Jefferson county, Wis., where she passed away in 1884. They were the parents of seven children (all of whom came to Lorain county), as follows: John, married, living in Eaton; Richard, married, a farmer in Jefferson county, Wis.; Lavinia, wife of Abram Cornish, of Eaton township; William, subject proper of this

sketch; Harriet, who died in Missouri; Elizabeth, wife of Richard Pivock, of Wisconsin; and Amelia, who died in Wisconsin.

William Hawke was reared in his native country, and there received an education in the common schools. In 1861 he married, in England, Miss Margaret Curry, also a native of Cornwall, and in 1864 they left England for the United States, coming at once to Columbia township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he engaged in farm work. He at first purchased thirty acres of land, which he improved, and in 1873 bought another tract, adding to his possessions from time to time until he was owner of 161 acres in Columbia and Eaton townships. At one time our subject and his brother were joint owners of a farm in Columbia township, which they sold. To Mr. and Mrs. William Hawke were born six children, namely: John, residing in Columbia township, who is married and has one child, Floyd; Mary, who is married to A. Peck, of Ridgeville, and has three daughters; William, married, living in Eaton; Annie, who is married to K. Perry Bainbridge, of Ridgeville, and has two daughters; Frank and Fred. The mother of these children passed from earth in 1882. In his political connections Mr. Hawke is a Republican, and takes an active interest in the welfare of his party; he is a member of the school board.

JOHN LAHIFF, a well-known enterprising and influential farmer and contractor of Carlisle township, is a native of Ireland, born in Limerick April 13, 1839.

Lawrence Lahiff, father of subject, born in Limerick April 14, 1811, was there married to Mary Cahill, and in 1845 they came to the United States with their family, having their residence in Connecticut till 1849, in which year they moved to Rockport, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio. There the father continued to live till the summer of 1893, when, being old and feeble, our subject took him to his home in Lorain county, in order the better to care for him in his declining years. He still owns a farm near Rockport. He was twice married, his first wife dying at or near Rockport, Ohio, in 1877, aged sixty-four years, after which he wedded Mrs. Shea, a widow lady, now deceased.

Thomas Lahiff, grandfather of John Lahiff, was also born in Limerick, Ireland, near which city he followed farming. In 1844 he came to the United States, making his first home in the New World in Connecticut. When eighty-five years old he went to California to see his four sons and four daughters living there. He was thrice married, and was the father of twenty-eight children—thirteen by each of his first two wives, and two by his last—and they nearly all lived to be forty or fifty years old. Of these children Lawrence Lahiff is the fourth in order of birth. Thomas Lahiff owned forty acres of land in Ireland, and hardly knew what manual labor was till coming to America. He was a remarkably robust, healthy man, a prevailing characteristic in the entire family, and at the age of one hundred and four years he built a stack of hay, from bottom to top, the weight of same being twelve tons, our subject pitching the hay to him. He was a soldier in the Irish brigade that served with the French under Napoleon. He died July 16, 1882, in the one hundred and seventh year of his age, wonderfully well preserved for his years, being able almost to the day of his death to ride horseback, and he never wore glasses. There were three children in his father's family, he being the only son. One of his sisters, Hannah by name, was married, in Schaghticoke, N. Y., to a Mr. Witherick, and she is now one hundred and sixteen years old, but this great age did not prevent her walking three miles in the fall of 1892. One of

our subject's uncles was a pioneer of Pittsfield township, Lorain county, but most of the uncles settled in Nevada City, Cal., and a daughter of one of them was the first woman to live in the place.

John Lahiff, the subject proper of this sketch, came with his father to America, and remained in Connecticut while the latter was visiting in California. On his return the entire family moved to Rockport, Ohio, as already related, and here our subject remained till he was eighteen years old, receiving a liberal education. At this time he proceeded to California, where he made the acquaintance of his numerous uncles and aunts. Here he mined three years, and then went to Russian America, where he mined for about six months, after which he returned south to Nevada Territory, via San Francisco, making a stay in Virginia City. For ten months he worked in one shaft in the Utah mine, from the top down 1,800 feet. Leaving there, he set out for Utah Territory, where he wintered about thirty miles from Salt Lake City; then went back to the mountains, thence to British America, to the Courtney mines, in the Courtney Mountains. From there he moved southward to Idaho, tarrying there till the following September, when he went to East Bannack, where thirty-six men were hung in one day, including Judge Hines and Sheriff Plummer, for being concerned in alleged robberies of gold from the miners, who did the hanging. From there Mr. Lahiff proceeded to north of the Salmon river, where he remained about four months, and then started for the United States on horseback with three companions, their route being right across the plains to near Fort Benton. Here they camped, but in the morning they were attacked by some Indians, who had been camping over night near them, and two out of the party of four were slain, our subject's horse being also killed. Mr. Lahiff and the remaining member of the original four, by name McQuade, now employed in the Union Depot, Chicago, Ill., succeeded in effecting their escape, reaching the woods, and were two days in reaching Fort Benton, having nothing to eat in the meantime. Here they procured fresh horses, and at once resumed their journey, going home via Chicago.

Our subject was married to Miss Mary Welch, of North Amherst, Lorain county, who was born January 8, 1847, in Albany, N. Y., and they then made their home on the Braman farm, in Carlisle township, five years, at the end of which time he sold that property, buying the Vincent farm of 280 acres prime land, which he still owns. Mr. Lahiff has been farming since his marriage, also engaging in contracting, butchering (first five years), and trading in horses (next twelve years)—having one team that twice took the premium at the county fair. For the past few years he has done an extensive dairying business, keeping from eighteen to forty cows. He has done contracting on the B. & O. R. R. and other corporations, including the grading of the road from North Amherst. He has served as trustee for Elyria township twelve years, and was a candidate for the position of infirmary director, but was defeated by a majority of only sixteen votes in a constituency overwhelmingly Republican. The names of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lahiff are as follows: Thomas Francis, Mary Annie, John Edward, Lawrence, Emmet, and Emma M. In religion the entire family are Catholics, and in politics our subject is a Democrat, as his father was before him.

JACOB SWARTZ, an upright, highly-esteemed citizen of LaGrange township, is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born March 15, 1827. His father, Frederick Swartz, came to the United States in 1830, and settled in

Liverpool township, Medina Co., Ohio, on Rocky river. Three years, later, however, he died of typhoid fever, as did also his eldest daughter, and both are buried in Liverpool township.

Jacob Swartz was but a young boy when his father died, and he then found a home with Justice Warner, who died after Jacob had lived there five years, and the latter then remained for years with Mrs. Warner. He received but a common-school education, attending school only a few weeks in the winter season, as he was "put into the harness" young, and always had plenty of work to occupy his time. He received a small start in life, and took charge of a farm at the juvenile age of ten years. On January 30, 1864, our subject married Miss Hannah Purdy, who was born October 8, 1837, in Westchester county, N. Y., daughter of William W. and Olivia (Dean) Purdy, and came to Medina county, Ohio, in 1845, settling in Liverpool township.

After his marriage Mr. Swartz purchased fifty-five acres of land in Grafton township, Lorain county, going into debt therefor, and on November 15, 1864, came to his present farm, which he bought of James Brown, contracting a debt of six hundred dollars. This place comprises 112½ acres of excellent land, upon which he has erected a number of good outbuildings and made many other substantial improvements. Though his property and buildings have been several times damaged by fire, he has never allowed this to discourage him, invariably rebuilding better than he had before. Mr. and Mrs. Swartz have children as follows: Don A., a farmer of LaGrange; Jane A., wife of Levi Johnson, of LaGrange; Cora I. and Sarah L. Mr. Swartz has had much success in agriculture, and for seventeen years carried on in connection therewith the manufacture of cheese for parties in Wellington, Ohio, milking from eighteen to twenty cows. Mr. and Mrs. Swartz have accumulated a handsome competence, he by hard work and systematic management on the farm, she doing her share in the supervision of the household affairs. He has acquired among his fellow citizens an enviable reputation for square, honest dealing, which he fully deserves. In politics he is a Democrat, though not active. While not a member of any church, he believes in doing unto others as he would have them do unto him.

WELLINGTON VARNEY, a well-known prosperous farmer of Columbia township, is a native of Ohio, born in 1843, in Geauga county.

His father, William Varney, a native of Massachusetts, and a wagon maker by trade, came in an early day to Geauga county, Ohio, and married Miss Elizabeth Reed; he was killed in a mill in 1850, and his widow subsequently married Pardon Wells, and removed to Wisconsin, where she died in 1889. Mr. Varney had four children, two of whom are living, viz.: Wellington, subject of sketch, and Sarah, wife of Reuben Wescott, residing in Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

Wellington Varney was eight years old when he came to Lorain county, making his first home here in Henrietta township, where he received his education. He was reared to farm life, and has always followed agricultural pursuits. In 1862 he enlisted at Oberlin in Company F, One Hundred and Third O. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was mustered into the service at Frankfort, Ky. His regiment was attached to the army of the West, and he participated in the battles of Atlanta, Buzzard's Roost, Armstrong Hill and Nashville under Gen. Thomas; he was also in the Carolina campaign, and in 1865 he was honorably discharged at Cleveland, Ohio, and returned to Lorain

county, after seeing three years' active service. After about three years' stay in Henrietta township, he moved to Columbia township, where he has since resided. In 1869 Mr. Varney was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Healey, who was born in Columbia township, a daughter of John and Sarah (Ruple) Healey, early settlers of same, where the former died in 1889; the mother, who is still living in the township, was born there, a daughter of Dr. Boltis and Clara (Osborne) Ruple, the former of whom came from the East, being among the first settlers of Columbia township; he died at the age of ninety-one years; his widow is yet living, now aged ninety-two years. Four children have been born to our subject and wife, viz.: Sarah, wife of Clayton Cooley, of Columbia township; Fannie, residing at home; Frank, and Elbert, married, living in Copopa. Mr. Varney is a Republican in politics, and has served on the school board; he is a member of Richard Allen Post No. 65, G. A. R., at Elyria. He is the owner of a neat and fertile farm of thirty-three acres.

GEORGE GILLMORE, a representative and prosperous farmer of Black River township, was born on his present farm February 28, 1837, a son of Truman and Levina (Messenger) Gillmore.

The father of subject was born in Berkshire county, Mass., whence when aged about thirteen years he came to Lorain county, Ohio, with his father, Edmund Gillmore, of whom mention is made elsewhere. Truman was married in Lorain county to Miss Levina Messenger, also a native of Berkshire county, Mass., born in 1810, and she is still living in Lorain county. Truman Gillmore before marriage was a sailor, and afterward a ship caulker. Politically he was originally a Whig, and then, on the formation of the party, a stanch Republican. He died December 25, 1888, the father of two children—Angeline (now Mrs. David Wallace, of Black River township) and George.

The subject of these lines received his education at the common schools of Black River township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits on his father's farm, the same one he now owns and lives on, and which is situated on the outskirts of the town of Lorain. Mr. Gillmore is a strong adherent of the principles embodied in the platform of the Republican party, and has always identified himself with the progressive interests of Lorain county. He has never married, but with true filial piety is caring for his mother in her declining years.

JOHNSON OGILVIE, a resident of Lorain, comes of ancient Scottish stock, the clan Ogilvie, from which he descends, being one of the oldest in history.

Thomas Ogilvie, grandfather of subject, was born in London, England, of Scotch parents, and in boyhood was apprenticed to a London tradesman, but in company with another boy he ran away and got on board a vessel sailing in a few days for America. About the third day after they had effected their escape they saw an advertisement calling for their arrest. On their arrival in the New World young Ogilvie settled in Hampshire county, Va. (now W. Va.), where he worked at his trade as long as health and strength permitted him, and then came to Coshocton county, Ohio, where he passed the rest of his life with his children, dying in 1841 at the patriarchal age of one hundred and two years. He married a Miss Jane Taylor, and nine children were born to them—eight sons and one daughter—all of whom lived to be over fifty years of age. The mother died at the birth of her youngest.

James Ogilvie, father of subject, was born in 1788 in Virginia, on the south branch of the Potomac river, and in 1810 came to Ohio, settling on a farm in Coshocton county, becoming one of the wealthiest agriculturist of those parts. He died in 1883, his death being the result of an accident. Politically he was first a Whig, afterward a Republican and one of the old Abolitionist school. He had married a Miss Justina Johnson, born at Patterson's Creek, Hampshire Co., Va., and they had a family of seven children, three of whom grew to maturity, viz.: Johnson; Thomas, who was a farmer in Coshocton county, Ohio, and died in the spring of 1883, and Eliza, wife of William Courtwright, of Lorain. The mother of these passed from earth at about the age of sixty years.

Johnson Ogilvie, the subject proper of this memoir, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, February 7, 1813, and received such education as was then obtainable at the subscription schools. He has been twice married: first time, in Coshocton county, to Margaret Norman, also a native of that county, to which union children as follows were born: William is a farmer in Franklin county, Ohio, west of Columbus (he has three children: Charles, Frank and Daisy); John died at the age of fourteen months; Melond is the wife of Thomas H. Clover, a grain merchant at Jeffersonville, Fayette Co., Ohio; James is in Los Angeles, Cal. (he has one son, Paul, in the real-estate business); Benjamin Harrison went to California, where he died at the age of thirty years; Anna, unmarried, lives in Los Angeles, Cal.; Albert is a resident of Alhambra, Cal. The mother of this family died in August, 1857, and April 12, 1860, Mr. Ogilvie was again married, and by this union has one child, Oscar. Up to 1883 our subject carried on a grain and stock farm in Coshocton county, and then retired from active life. In 1884 he came to Lorain county, and has since made his home in Lorain. In politics he has always been a Republican, his first Presidential vote being cast in 1836 for W. H. Harrison, and his last one in 1892 for Benjamin Harrison. He is a member of the M. E. Church.

EZRA STRAW, JR., one of the most successful and progressive agriculturists of Black River township, is a native of the State of New York, born in 1831, at the four corners of Chadagee, twenty-five miles from Lake Champlain.

Our subject is a son of Ezra and Hannah (Colbath) Straw, both of whom were natives of New Hampshire, and moved to New York State early in life. Ezra Straw's first wife was a Miss Clough, by whom he had two children, and after her death he married Hannah Colbath. In 1833 the family came west to Ohio, and after a residence in Dover moved to Huntington township, Lorain county, whence after a time they proceeded to Vermillion township, Erie county, finally settling in Amherst township, Lorain county, where they died. The father was born October 11, 1788, and died on Thanksgiving Day, 1855: the mother was born April 21, 1798, and died in 1887. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are yet living, and the following is a brief record of them: Charles A. died when about seven years old; Isaac S. is in Carlisle township, Lorain county; Emily died February 20, 1848; Ezra, Jr., is the subject proper of this sketch; Selina was born March 17, 1833, and is the wife of Sylvester Potter, of North Amherst, Ohio; Maria was born July 2, 1834, and is married to W. P. Potter; Hannah S. was born April 13, 1836. The father was a very active man, progressive and successful in his life vocation—farming. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and in politics was a Republican.

Ezra Straw, Jr., whose name opens this sketch, was reared from boyhood to manhood in Vermillion township, Erie Co., Ohio, and in Amherst township, Lorain county. After leaving school he learned the trade of blacksmith, and worked in a stone quarry, but for the past seventeen years he has been operating his farm of 135 acres of choice land. In 1855 Mr. Straw was united in marriage with Miss Mary M. Foster, who was born in 1836, a daughter of Elisha and Maria (Mason) Foster, the latter of whom is now one of the oldest residents in Amherst township. Mr. and Mrs. Straw have two sons: Edwin (married to Lizzie Newsbury, and has one child, May) and Parks (farming with his father).

A. H. BABCOCK, a prominent representative citizen of Lorain, who has been a resident of that city for the past twenty years, is a son of Daniel A. and Harriet (Dubois) Babcock, natives of New York, who in an early day removed to Dundee, Mich. The mother died in 1886, in Nebraska; the father, who was a Baptist minister, is now living in the West.

A. H. Babcock was born September 15, 1843, in Dundee, Monroe Co., Mich., where he was reared and educated. In 1861 he enlisted, in Monroe county, Mich., in Company F, First Regiment Engineers and Mechanics Corps, for three years or during the war, being assigned to the army of the West, and was first engaged in building blockhouses, repairing bridges, etc. He was on the march to Atlanta, Ga., and participated in the engagements at Mill Springs (Ky.), Champion Hills, and Murfreesboro. In 1864 he was honorably discharged at Atlanta, Ga., returning to his home in Monroe county, Mich. He then took a business course in Oberlin College, and subsequently embarked in the general merchandise business in Lenawee county, Mich., continuing in same until 1873, when he removed to Lorain, Lorain Co., Ohio. Here he engaged in a grocery business, which he carried on until elected mayor of Lorain, in which position he served during the years 1889 and 1890.

In 1868 Mr. Babcock was married, in Oberlin, Lorain county, to Mary S. Hill, a native of the county, daughter of Uriah and Sarah Hill (both now deceased), who were born in the East, and came westward in an early day, settling near Oberlin, Lorain county. To Mr. and Mrs. Babcock have been born two children: Sadie, wife of Alexander Hodgins, of Conneaut, Ohio, and A. H., who carries on a tobacco and confectionery business in Lorain, in connection with which he also owns a news depot. Socially Mr. Babcock is a member of the K. O. T. M., in which he is treasurer, and he is past chancellor of Woodland Lodge, No. 226. He is a progressive, enterprising citizen, and has ever taken an active interest in everything pertaining to the prosperity and welfare of his community. Mrs. Babcock is a member of the Congregational Church.

DR. C. H. FREDERICK, a rising young physician and surgeon of Lorain, was born in 1868 in Amherst, Lorain county. His father, Peter Frederick, was a native of Germany, and when a young man emigrated to America, settling in North Amherst, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he married Cassie M. Jacobs, a native of Lorain county. Mr. Frederick, who was a foreman in the stone quarries, at this writing is residing in Michigan; his wife makes her home in Amherst.

C. H. Frederick was reared in North Amherst, and received his primary education at the union schools of that place. In

1888 he entered the Medical Department of the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, graduating therefrom with the class of 1891, and after graduation received the appointment of house physician and surgeon in the Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, in which capacity he served for nearly two years. In November, 1892, he came to Lorain, and since his location here has built up quite an extensive practice. Before practicing medicine the Doctor was engaged for eight years as a pharmaceutist, in North Amherst, Cleveland and Lorain, Ohio, and has always been identified with the interests of Lorain county. Politically he is a Republican, and in religious faith has for the past ten years been a member of the M. E. Church at North Amherst.

JOHN COGHLAN, one of the progressive, representative agriculturists of Carlisle township, is a native of King's County, Ireland.

James Coghlan, father of subject, and a native of the same county, was married in Ireland to Miss Mary Hector, also born in King's County, and about the year 1835 they came to America with their family, making their first settlement in Sheffield township, Lorain Co., Ohio. From there they moved to Elyria township, and after a residence of some years came in 1867 to Carlisle township, where they opened up a farm and made their final home. Eight children came to them, of whom the following is a brief record: Dora is the wife of John Kenedy; Nora is the wife of William Freeman, of Cleveland; John is the subject of this sketch; Dan, who was married in 1874 to Miss Anna Bowen, resides in Carlisle township (they have four children: May S., Etta Rose, Mary and Anna. He enlisted in August, 1862, in Company H, One Hundred and Third O. V. I., for three years or during the war, and received an honorable discharge in 1865. He has been township assessor for twelve or thirteen years); Ann is the wife of Eugene Swift, of Marquette, Mich.; Elizabeth is unmarried; Sarah is deceased; James, who married Margaret Dowd, resides in Carlisle township. The parents are yet living on the homestead in Carlisle township with their son John. They are members of the Catholic Church, and in politics Mr. Coghlan is a Democrat.

The subject proper of this sketch received his education partly in his native land, and partly in the schools of Elyria, Lorain county, where he arrived when he was yet a youth. After leaving school he went on the lakes as a sailor, a vocation he followed several years, and then returned to Carlisle township and engaged in farming, in which he has met with well-merited success. He now owns the old homestead of 121 acres. Mr. Coghlan follows in the footsteps of his father in both politics and Church association. He has never married.

PETER JACOBS. No one of the honest, industrious agriculturists of Black River township deserves better place in the pages of this book than the honored old pioneer whose name here appears.

He is a native of Saxony, Germany, born February 22, 1822. Having heard and read much of the vast Western Hemisphere, with its unlimited advantages to the man willing to work, he concluded to bid adieu to the Fatherland and seek a new home on the boundless prairies of America. Accordingly in 1845 he set out with a light heart but an empty pocket for the land of promise. After landing he came direct to Ohio, and to Black River township, Lorain county, being among the very first German settlers of that section. With naught in the world save a clear head and a willing pair of hands, he now

looked about him for work, and it was not long before he secured the friendship of Heman Ely, Sr., who gave him twenty acres of wild land to clear. Here he put up a log house, and by hard labor succeeded in converting the forest wild into a pretty good farm. This he soon succeeded in paying for. Not long afterward he bought one hundred acres more at ten dollars per acre, which he paid for in four installments. The many and varied difficulties Mr. Jacobs had to encounter cannot be appreciated by the present generation, but in spite of all obstacles, and they were not a few, he succeeded by industry and perseverance in becoming a comparatively wealthy and prosperous farmer, having now 150 acres of prime land.

Mr. Jacobs was married in July, 1842, to Miss Dora Smith, also a native of Saxony, and six children were born to them, of five of whom the following is a brief record: (1) William lives in Lorain, Ohio, and has one child, Ermie; (2) Maggie is the wife of Elias Baumhart, and they had six children: Della, Benwill, Nelson, Armina, Robert, and Edward, who died when seven months old; (3) Rosa is the wife of George Roth, and has four daughters; (4) Emma is yet living at home; (5) Hattie was killed by lightning July 27, 1887.

Mr. Jacobs is a Republican in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church. They celebrated their golden wedding in July, 1892. [Since the above was written we have received notice of the death of Mr. Jacobs, which occurred October 28, 1893, when he was aged seventy-one years, eight months and six days.—Ed.

E. H. ALTEN, junior member of the wide-awake business firm of M. J. & E. H. Alten, merchant tailors and dealers in full lines of gents' furnishings, was born in Avon township, Lorain Co., Ohio, July 10, 1870.

Mr. Alten received his education at the parochial and high school, working at times on his father's farm, after which he taught for eighteen months. He then attended the Jesuit College at Buffalo, N. Y., taking a scientific and business course, and graduating June 21, 1890. He next proceeded to Tiffin, Ohio, where he was bookkeeper for the Belgian Glass Works, six months, or till the assignment of the firm, at which time he went to Cleveland and took lessons in merchant tailoring at the Cleveland Cutting School, and graduated therefrom. Then returning to Lorain he entered into partnership with his brother M. J. in their present business. Mr. Alten is a man of superior education, and possessed of good business qualifications. He has an advantage in being able to speak German equally as well as he does English. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

WILLIAM HONECKER, proprietor of one of the leading drug stores in Lorain, is a son of Rev. John Honecker, a retired minister of the German Evangelical Church, and a native of Germany. He married Miss Christina Jordan, and twelve children were the result of their union, of whom our subject is one of twins, the other (Abraham) being a druggist in Cleveland. It is said the twin brothers resemble each other very strongly.

William Honecker, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1862, and received his literary education in the public schools. In 1887 he graduated from the Cincinnati (Ohio) College of Pharmacy, after which he at once located in Cleveland, in company with his twin brother, they having established a drug store there, which they carried on till 1888, when William sold out his interest therein to his brother, and removed to Lorain, where he opened his present drug establishment, in the conducting of

which he has met with more than average success. To some extent he is interested in real estate.

Mr. Honecker was united in marriage with Miss Mary Stone, and he and his wife are members of the German Evangelical Church. In his political predilections our subject is a Republican.

MRS. SARA E. GIBSON, a highly respected lady of Ridgeville township, was born in Louisville, N. Y., daughter of Wright and Betty (Holmes) Lewis, who were married in New York State, where they passed the rest of their lives. The Lewis family are of Scottish ancestry.

The subject of this sketch was reared in her native State, and attended school at Binghamton, N. Y., where she was married, in 1865, to Henry B. Gibson, a native of Meadville, Penn., where he was educated. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gibson moved to Pittsburgh, Penn., thence to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they resided a number of years, during which period he was engaged in the sewing machine business. Later he became manager of the Hall Safe and Lock Co., and he was also connected with the Chicago Safe and Lock Co. for some time. He was manager of several different companies, being a shrewd business man, and commanded a salary of ten thousand dollars a year. He died March 16, 1891. In politics he was a Republican. A few years ago Mrs. Gibson, while on a visit to Lorain county, Ohio, purchased an improved farm of thirty-six acres, where she now makes her home.

WILLIAM KRESS. The beautiful Fatherland, the country of magnificent mountains, rivers, forests and plains, has given to the United States a vast population of honest, toiling, frugal citizens, now the loyal sons and daughters of the greatest Republic on earth. In the state of Ohio there are many thousands, in Lorain county not a few, and prominent among them is numbered the subject of this sketch.

William Kress was born July 17, 1826, in Hessia, Germany, where he received a liberal education. In 1855 he set sail for the shores of America, and after arrival at the port of destination proceeded westward at once to Ohio, and to Lorain county, where he commenced farm life in Black River township. In 1875 he bought his present farm of ninety-eight acres, one of the finest to be found in Amherst township, and he enjoys the distinguished reputation of being one of the wealthiest and most successful German agriculturists in his section of the county.

Mr. Kress has been twice married: First time, in 1855, to Miss Catherine Voegler, who was also a native of Germany. She died in 1889, and Mr. Kress subsequently married his present wife. He has no children, but he has a stepdaughter. His political sympathies are with the Democratic party.

DAVID CURTICE, who for almost the past sixty years has been a resident of Lorain county, is a native of the "Empire State," born May 4, 1812, in Cayuga county.

His father, Hosea Curtice, was born February 13, 1774, in Massachusetts, and was married, in 1794, in his native State to Catherine Moore, who was born May 7, 1776. Shortly afterward they moved to New York, locating near Syracuse, where four children—all sons—were born to them, and from there moved to Cayuga county, where they remained forty-two years on one farm. Here they had eight more children—five sons and three daughters—making twelve in all, eleven of whom lived to rear families, and of whom our

subject is the oldest one now living. The father migrated to Ohio in 1843, the mother shortly afterward, and here they passed the remainder of their days at the home of their son David, where she died in 1850, he in 1863; they lie buried in Center cemetery. The first of the family to locate in Ohio was a son Joel, who came in May, 1833, and settled in LaGrange township, Lorain county. On July 14, 1839, Joel Curtice was married, in Cayuga county, N. Y., to Malissa Allen, who died in LaGrange township in 1871, leaving four children, viz.: Catherine, now Mrs. Charles Hastings, of LaGrange; David A., a farmer of LaGrange; Morton B., of Florida; and Barton E., a farmer of LaGrange.

David Curtice came to Lorain county, Ohio, in October, 1834, and hired out as a farm hand, after working at coal burning near Elyria. Some time later he returned to New York State, where he was married, and in 1839 he and his wife came in a buggy to the home he had prepared in Ohio, where his parents also passed their declining years. On their arrival in Ohio Mr. and Mrs. Curtice had just seventy-five cents with which to begin housekeeping. He had purchased one hundred acres, for which he was obliged to go in debt, but he bravely set to work, and from a start of nothing prospered; he cultivated and improved his land, and his hard labor and unceasing industry brought their reward, for he has added to his property until he now has 365 acres of excellent land, besides a pleasant home in the village of LaGrange.

On March 16, 1873, Mr. Curtice was married in Kendall county, Ill., for his second wife, to Mrs. Annie Pooler, widow of Otis Pooler, who had moved to Kendall county, Ill. Mr. Curtice is one of the best-known citizens of LaGrange, well-preserved and active for a man of his years. Since 1883 he has lived retired. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as township trustee, but is not particularly active in party affairs.

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